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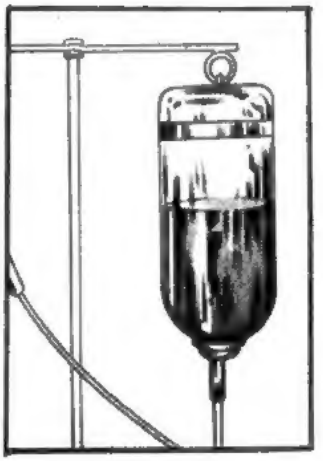

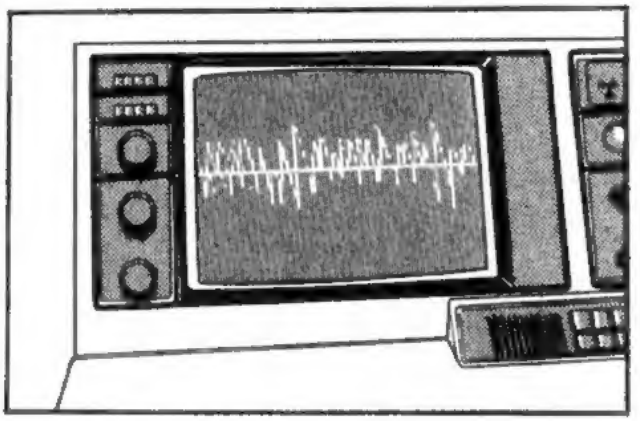

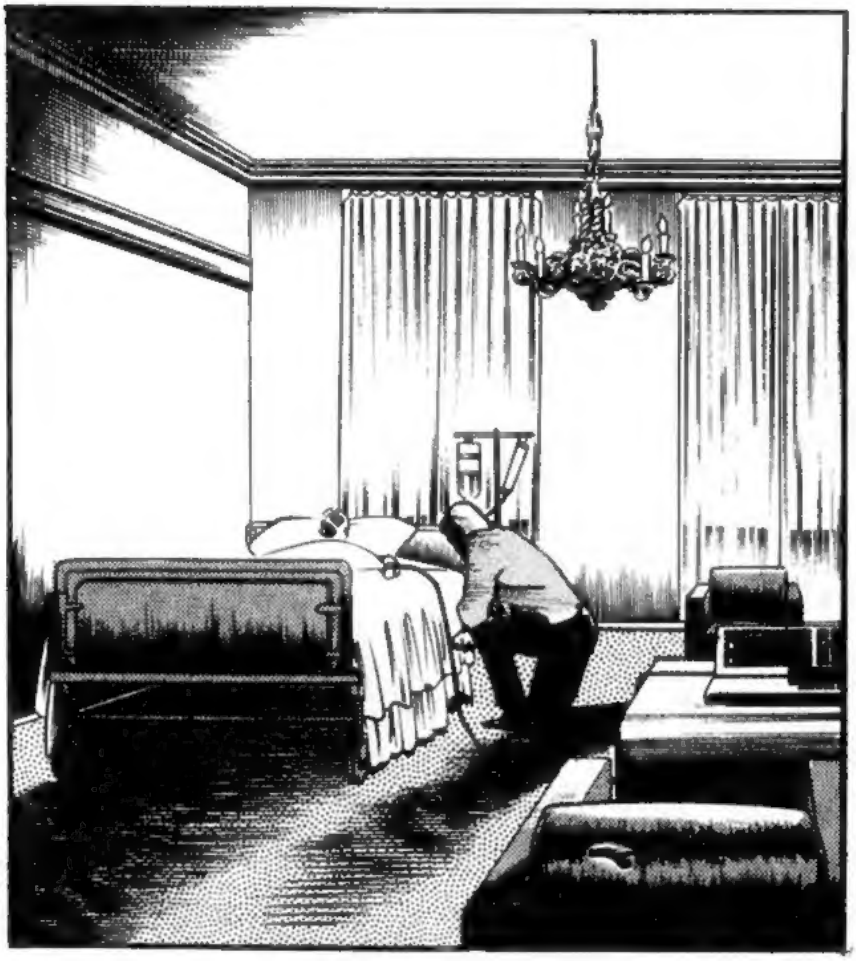

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SHE'LL BE FINE. GOD WILL KNOW YOUR LOVE FOR HER.

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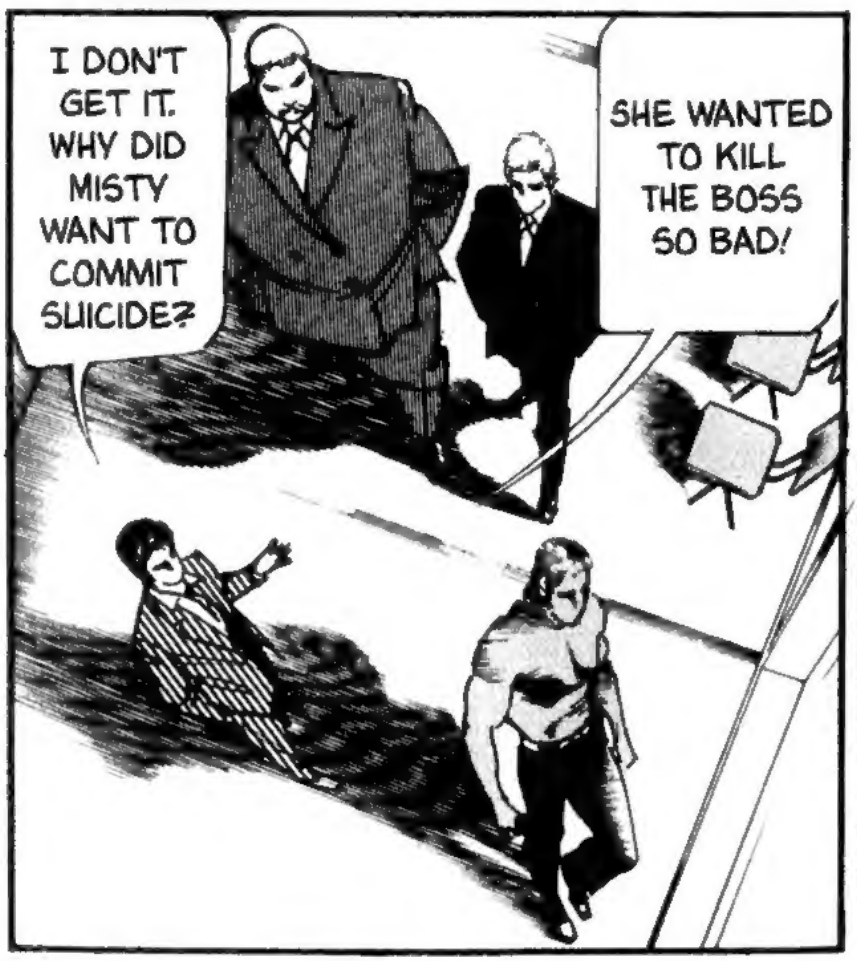
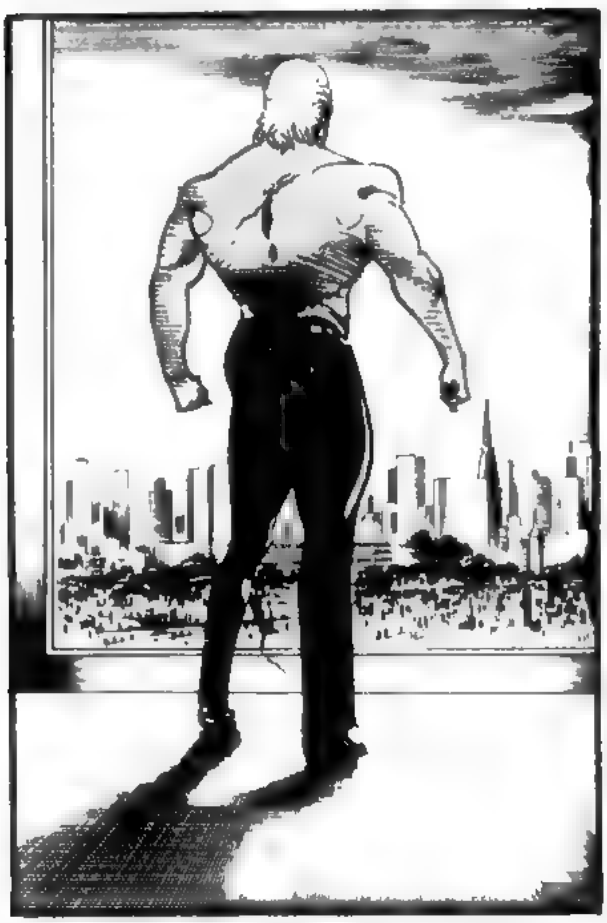
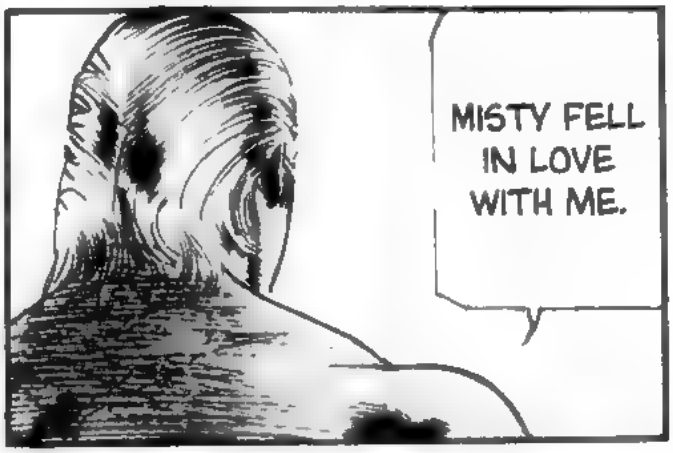

I DON'T GET IT. WHY DID MISTY WANT TO COMMIT SUICIDE?
SHE WANTED TO KILL THE BOSS SO BAD!

THAT'S THE WEIRD PART.
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT, BUT I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT.

SHE SAID SHE WOULD KILL HERSELF BEFORE SHE LET US INJECT HER WITH DRUGS.
BUT BOSS, YOU DIDN'T USE THE DRUGS. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE WOULD DO THIS.




MISTY FELL IN LOVE WITH ME.

WHA...?!

SHE HAD JUST REALIZED IT HERSELF.
SO SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

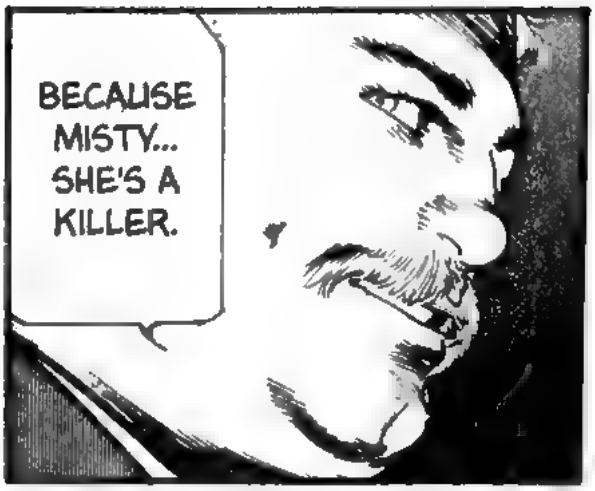
TO LOVE AND BE LOVED SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM, SHOULD IT BOSS?!
WELL, YOU MAY NOT LOVE HER, BUT THE CARDS ARE IN YOUR FAVOR.

MAKE MISTY YOUR WOMAN, AND THEN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CORE OF THE ORGANIZATION.
TO BE LOVED BY HER WAS YOUR GOAL, RIGHT?

BUT WHY DOES SHE WANT TO COMMIT SUICIDE?!

YEAH, WHY?!

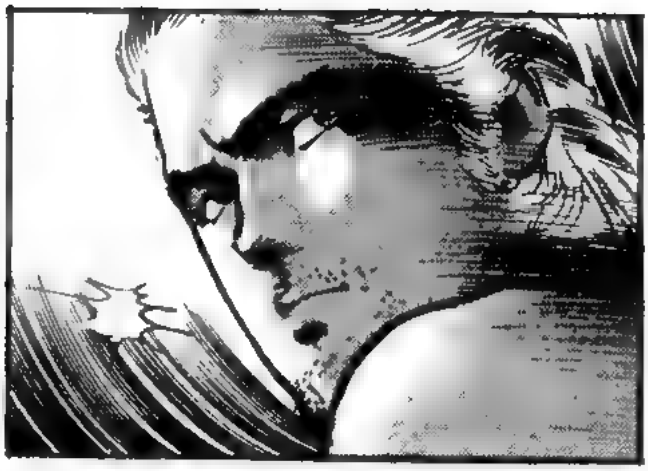
THINK ABOUT IT!! MISTY LOVES A MAN SHE'S TRIED TO KILL THOUSANDS OF TIMES.
AFTER ALL THAT, SHE COULDN'T JUST ALLOW HERSELF TO BE THE BOSS'S LOVER.


BECAUSE MISTY... SHE'S A KILLER.

BESIDES, SHE'D FACE THE DILEMMA OF CHOOSING BETWEEN BOSS AND THE ORGANIZATION.
WHAT DILEMMA?!

LOVE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THAT!!
BETRAYING AN ORGANIZATION IS NO BIG DEAL. SHE HAD THE GUTS TO COMMIT SUICIDE AFTER ALL!

FOR MISTY, LOVING ME MEANS HUMILIATION AND FAILURE.
SOMEHOW SHE KNOWS THAT HER LOVE ISN'T RETURNED. IT WAS MAKING HER LIFE MISERABLE...
BUT I DIDN'T NOTICE IT.
I WANTED TO MAKE HER MY WOMAN TO HELP MYSELF. I WAS TOO SELFISH. I HATE MYSELF FOR THIS.



THE CRITICAL TIME HAS PASSED! SHE'LL RECOVER SOON ENOUGH.

DOCTOR! PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

... WANT TO GO TO ITALY?

WHAT?!

WHAT ARE YOU SO SURPRISED ABOUT?! WE'RE MAFIA AFTER ALL!

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WE'LL CUT OFF ALL CONTACT WITH MISTY.

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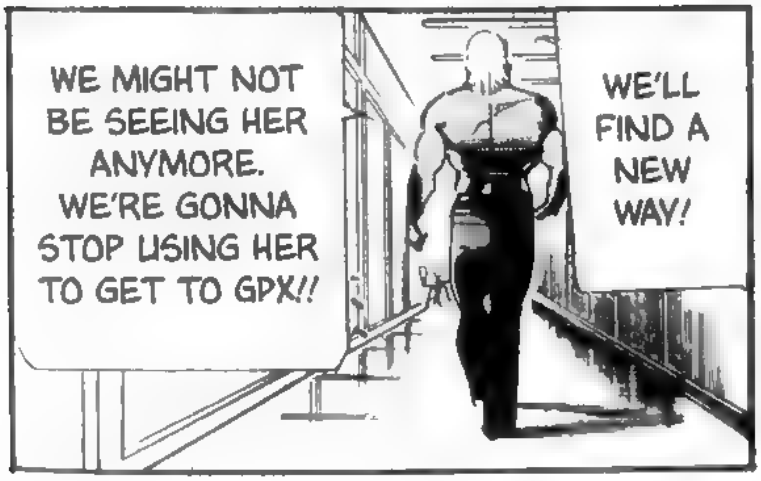
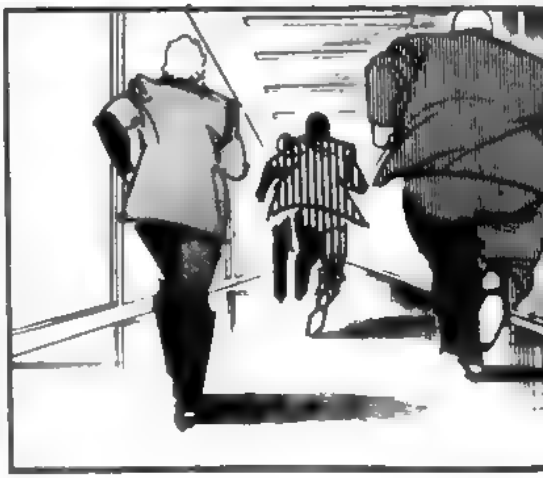
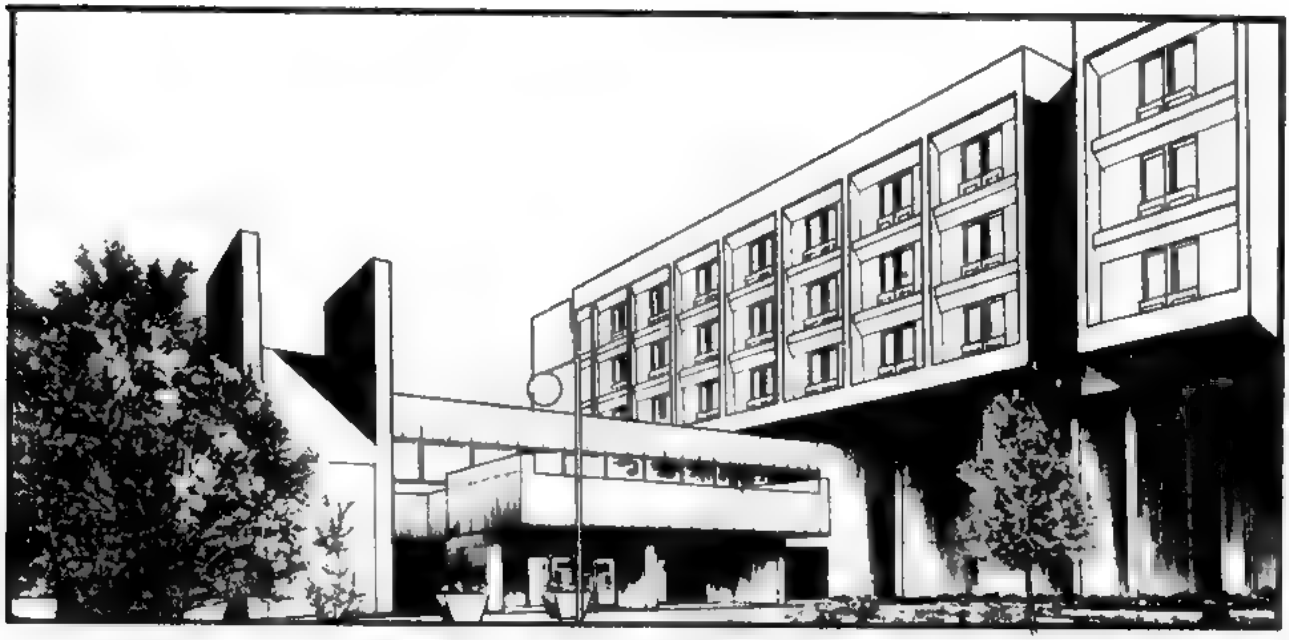
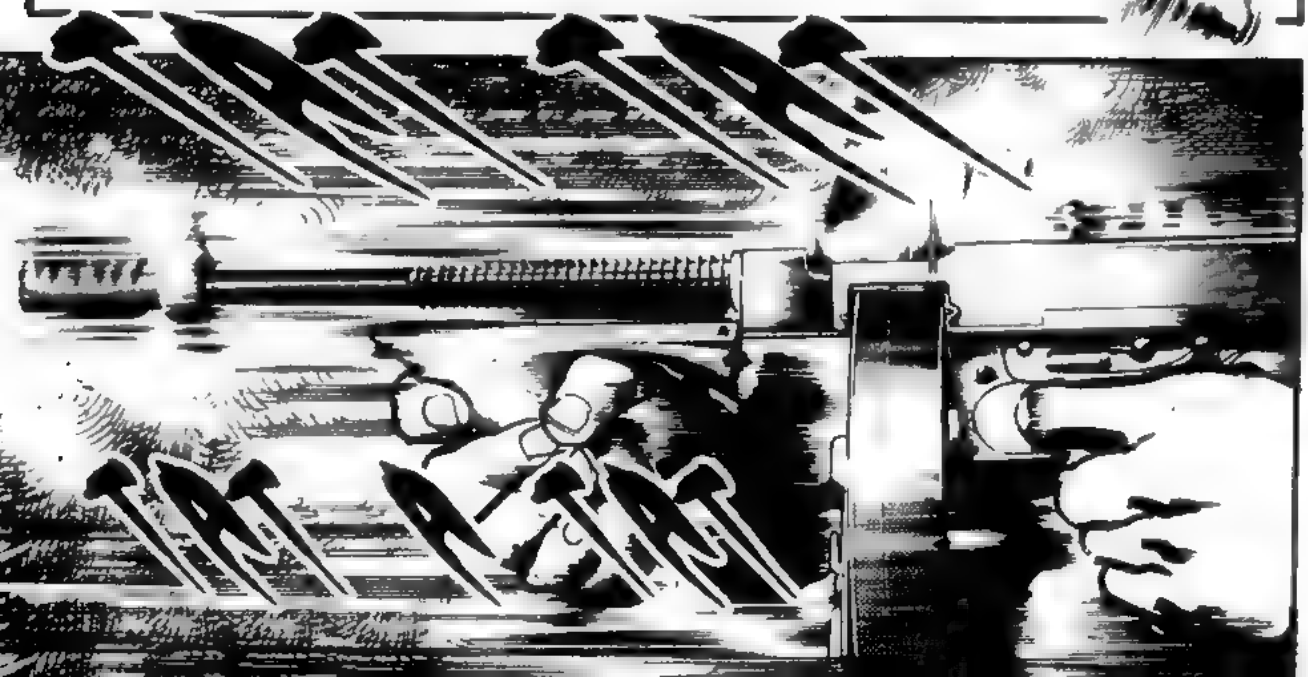

WE MIGHT NOT BE SEEING HER ANYMORE. WE'RE GONNA STOP USING HER TO GET TO GPX!!
WE'LL FIND A NEW WAY!







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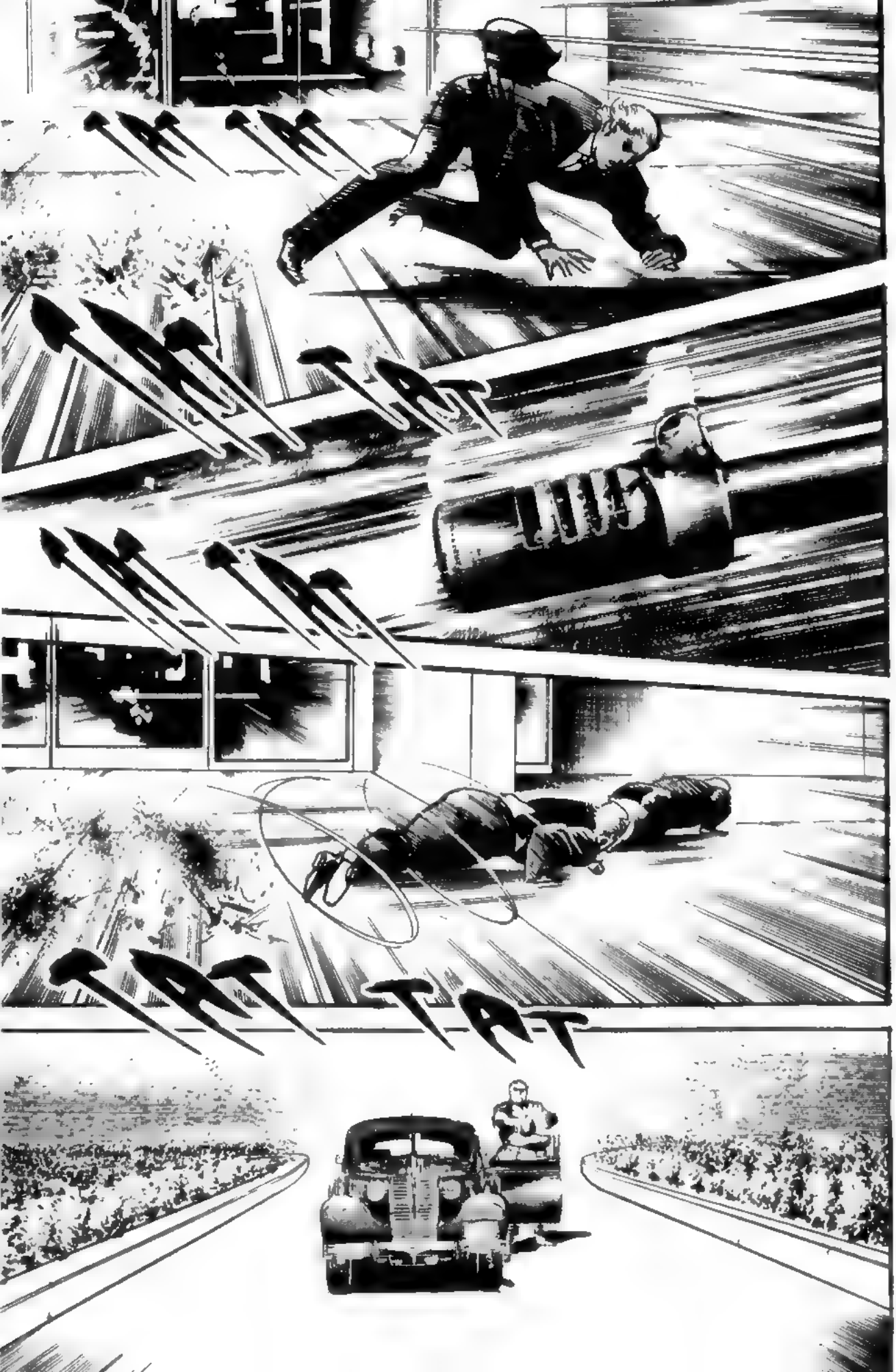
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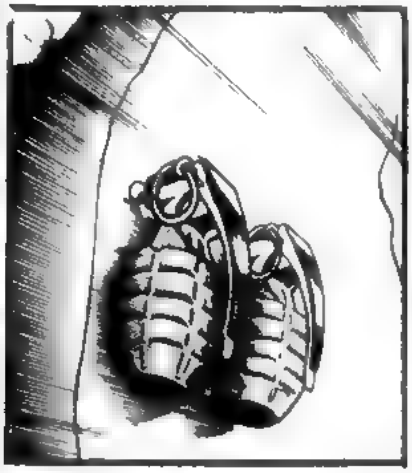

BOOM

BOSS!!

DAMN IT!

BE QUIET!! THIS IS A HOSPITAL!!

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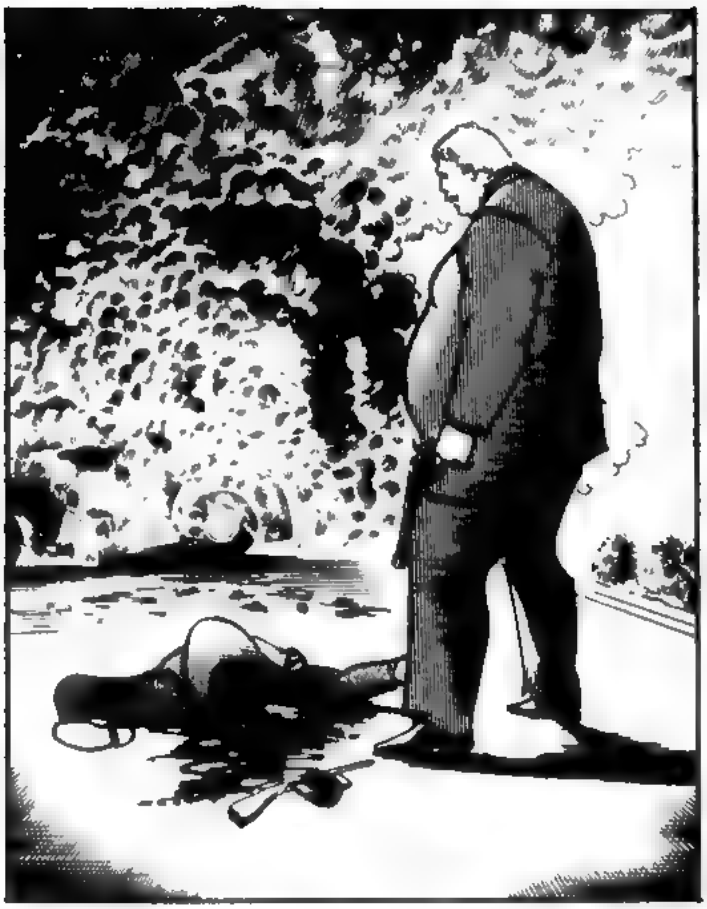

LONG TIME NO SEE, OLD MAN.

I SEE!! BOYS FROM THE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN HIRED BY GPX!!

THIS AIN'T NO GOOD! WE'RE FIGHTING WITH VETERAN SOLDIERS!

WHAT WERE THOSE GUN SHOTS?!

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POLICE

NICK, THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD. THE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION ARE SOME SERIOUS GUYS... THEY DON'T MESS AROUND.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT GOING ABROAD FOR A WHILE.
IT'S PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA. EVEN THE MAFIA IS SPOOKED BY THESE GUYS.

WAIT A MINUTE, WE ARE THE MAFIA!

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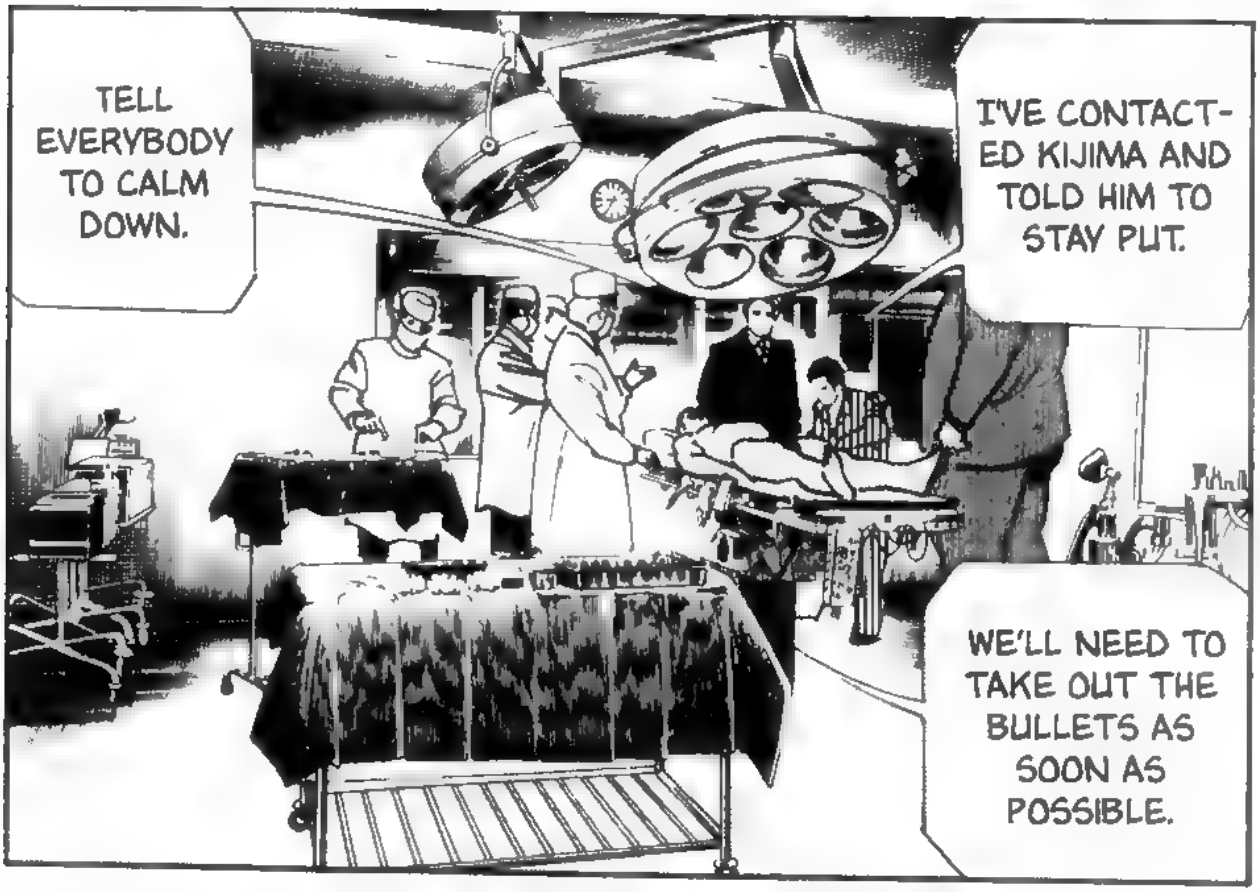
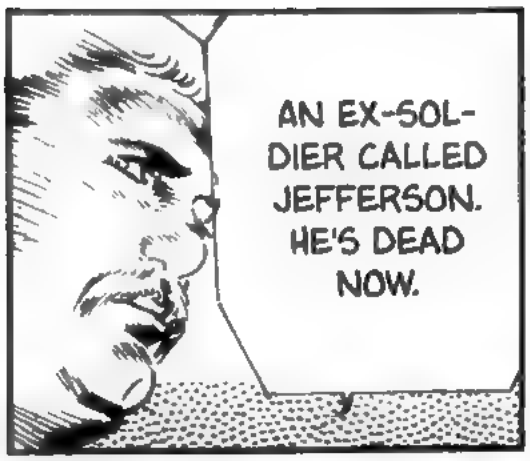

TELL EVERYBODY TO CALM DOWN.
I'VE CONTACTED KIJIMA AND TOLD HIM TO STAY PUT.
WE'LL NEED TO TAKE OUT THE BULLETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WAIT!! I WANT TO KNOW WHO THE GUMAN WAS, BEFORE I LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS.

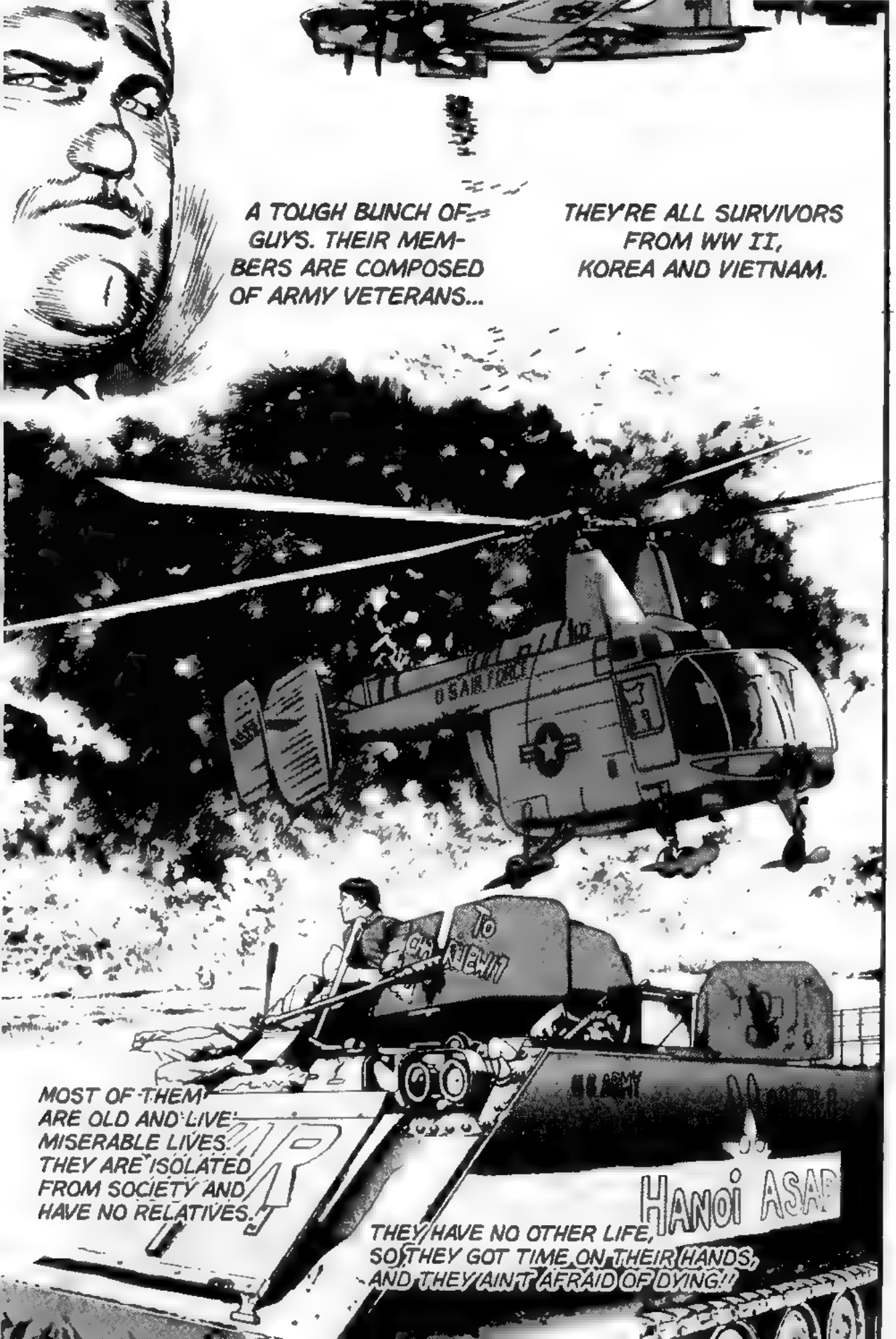
IF I DON'T WAKE UP AGAIN...
AT LEAST I'LL KNOW WHO DID THIS TO ME.

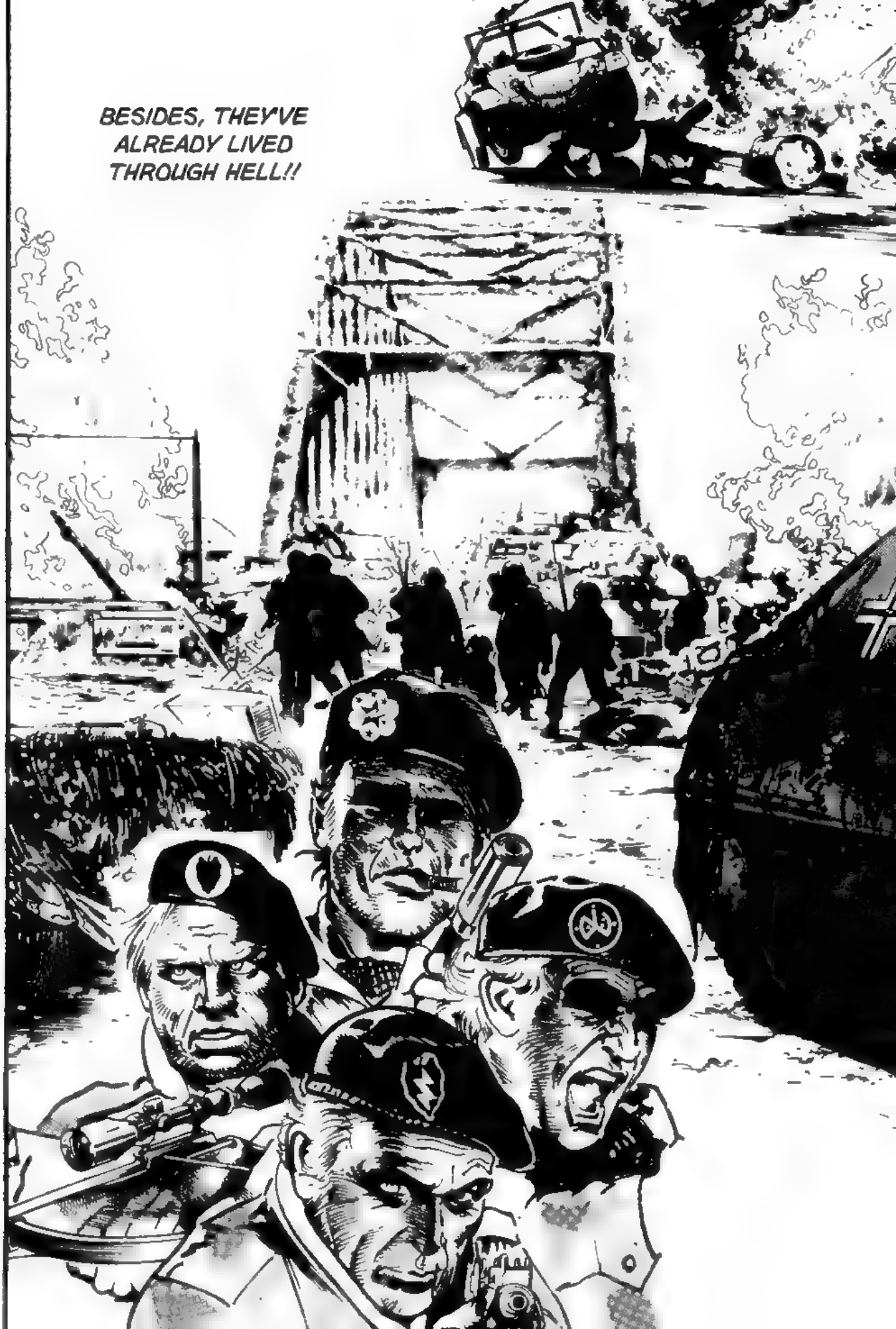


IF HE'S A KILLER HIRED BY GPX...

AND, IF HE'S NO MORE SKILLED THAN MISTY, THERE'S NO WAY HE'S A TOP GUY IN THE ORGANIZATION.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, JUST TELL ME WHO HE WAS!


A TOUGH BUNCH OF GUYS. THEIR MEMBERS ARE COMPOSED OF ARMY VETERANS...
THEY'RE ALL SURVIVORS FROM WW II, KOREA AND VIETNAM.
MOST OF THEM ARE OLD AND LIVE MISERABLE LIVES. THEY ARE ISOLATED FROM SOCIETY AND HAVE NO RELATIVES.
THEY HAVE NO OTHER LIFE, SO THEY GOT TIME ON THEIR HANDS, AND THEY AIN'T AFRAID OF DYING!!
Hanoi ASAP


BESIDES, THEY'VE ALREADY LIVED THROUGH HELL!!

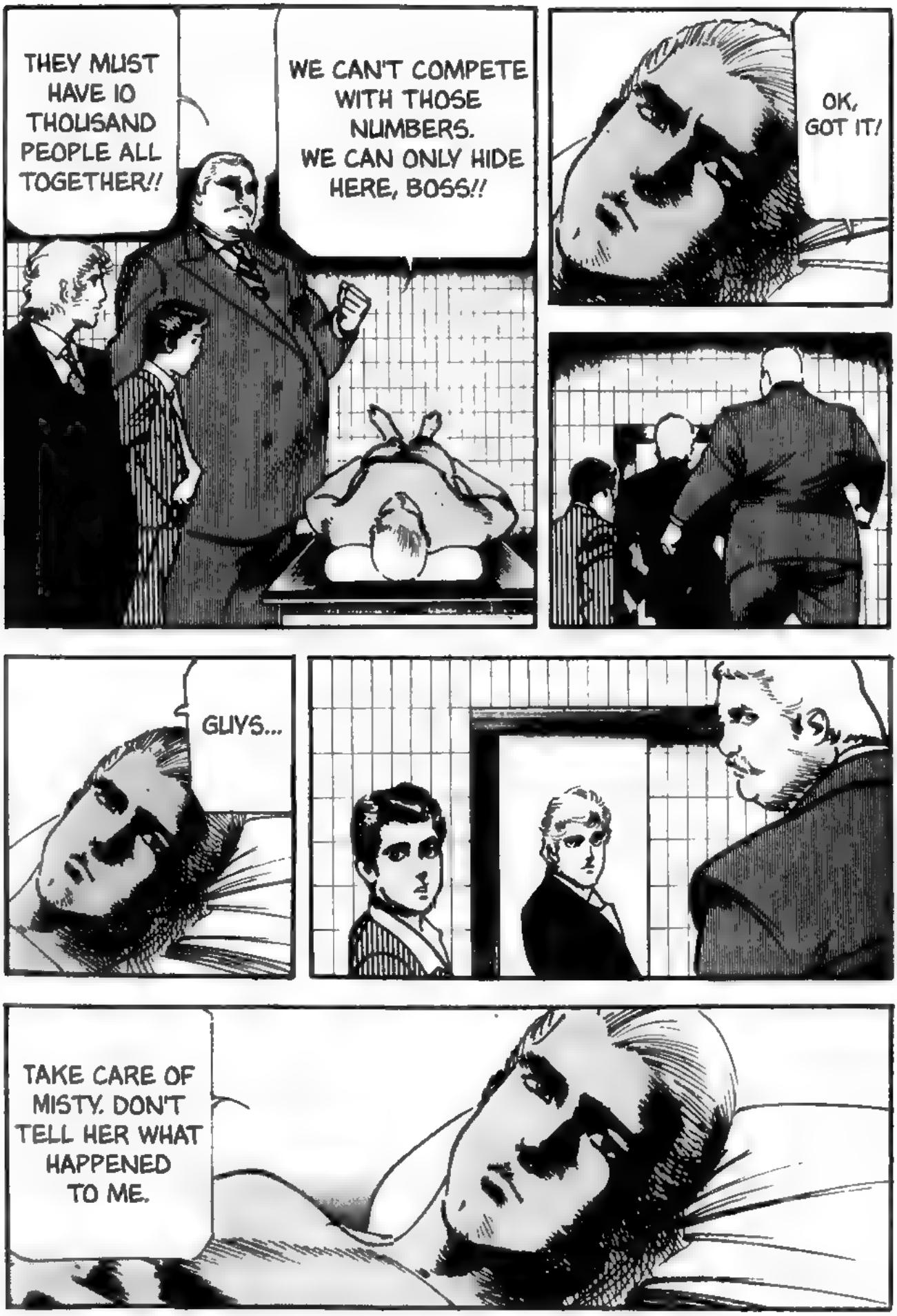
SO, THEY ONLY KNOW HOW TO FIGHT. IS THAT IT?
THAT'S IT!!

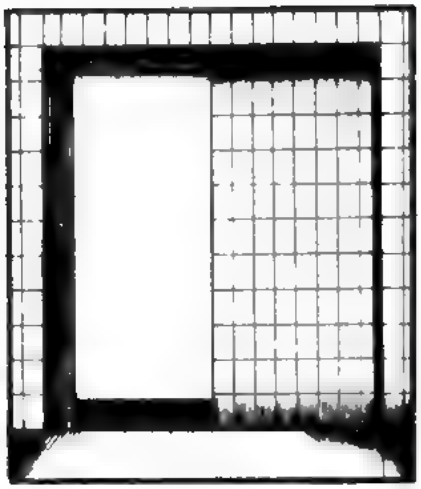
THEY KNOW THEIR WEAPONS, AND THEY'RE NOT AFRAID OF TAKING A BULLET.
MOST OF 'EM GOT GREEN BERET OR CIA BACKGROUNDS.

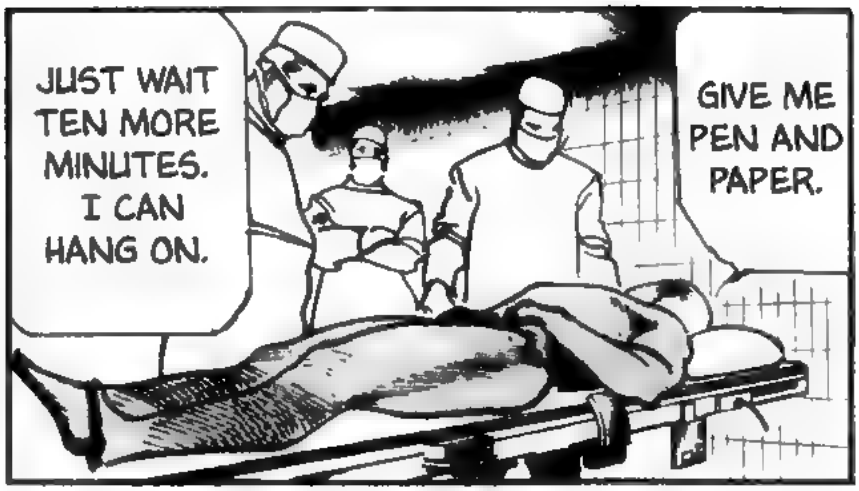
I BET THESE GUYS IMPRESS THE LADIES, TOO!

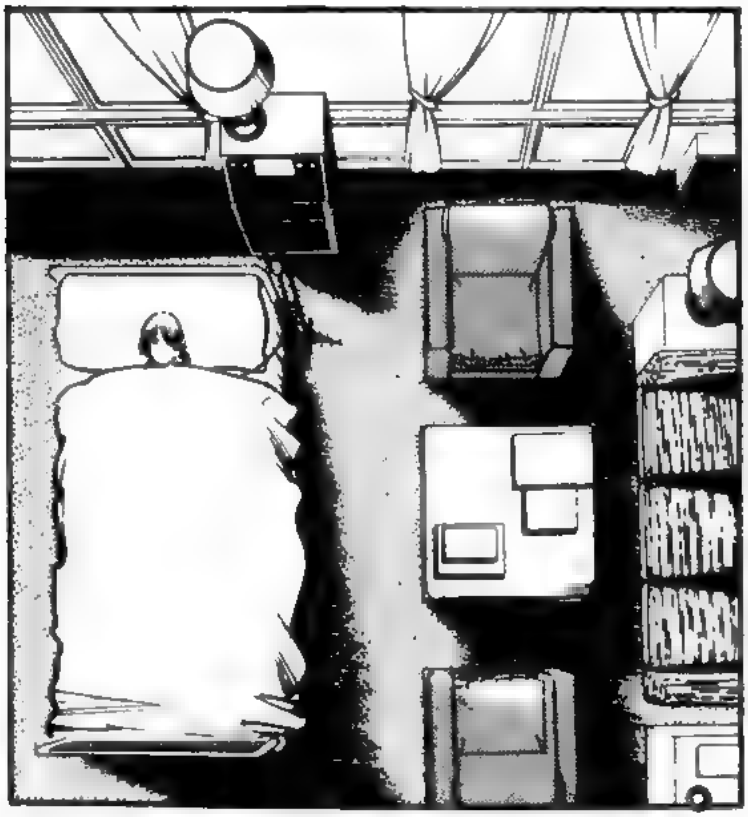
WACK

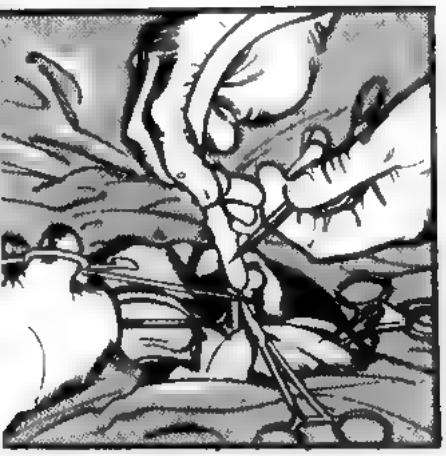
NOW IT APPEARS THAT OUR FRIENDS AT GPX HAVE GONE AND ALLIED THEMSELVES...
... WITH THE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.
TOGETHER, THEY MAKE AN INTIMIDATING GROUP.

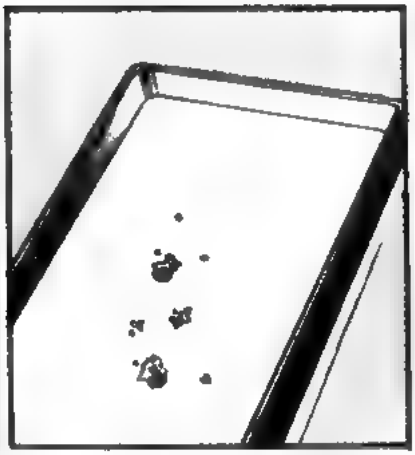

THEY MUST HAVE 10 THOUSAND PEOPLE ALL TOGETHER!!
WE CAN'T COMPETE WITH THOSE NUMBERS. WE CAN ONLY HIDE HERE, BOSS!!
OK, GOT IT!
GUYS...
TAKE CARE OF MISTY. DON'T TELL HER WHAT HAPPENED TO ME.

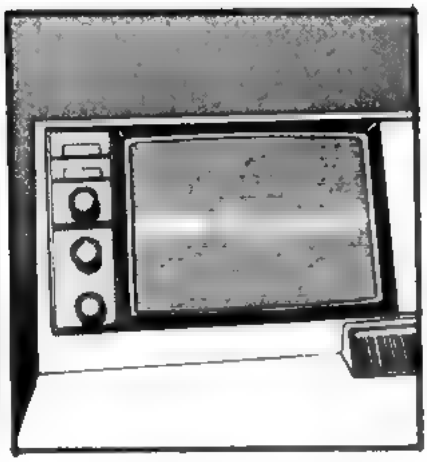



JUST WAIT TEN MORE MINUTES. I CAN HANG ON.
GIVE ME PEN AND PAPER.









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IT'S OK! THE BULLETS DIDN'T STRIKE ANY VITAL ORGANS!

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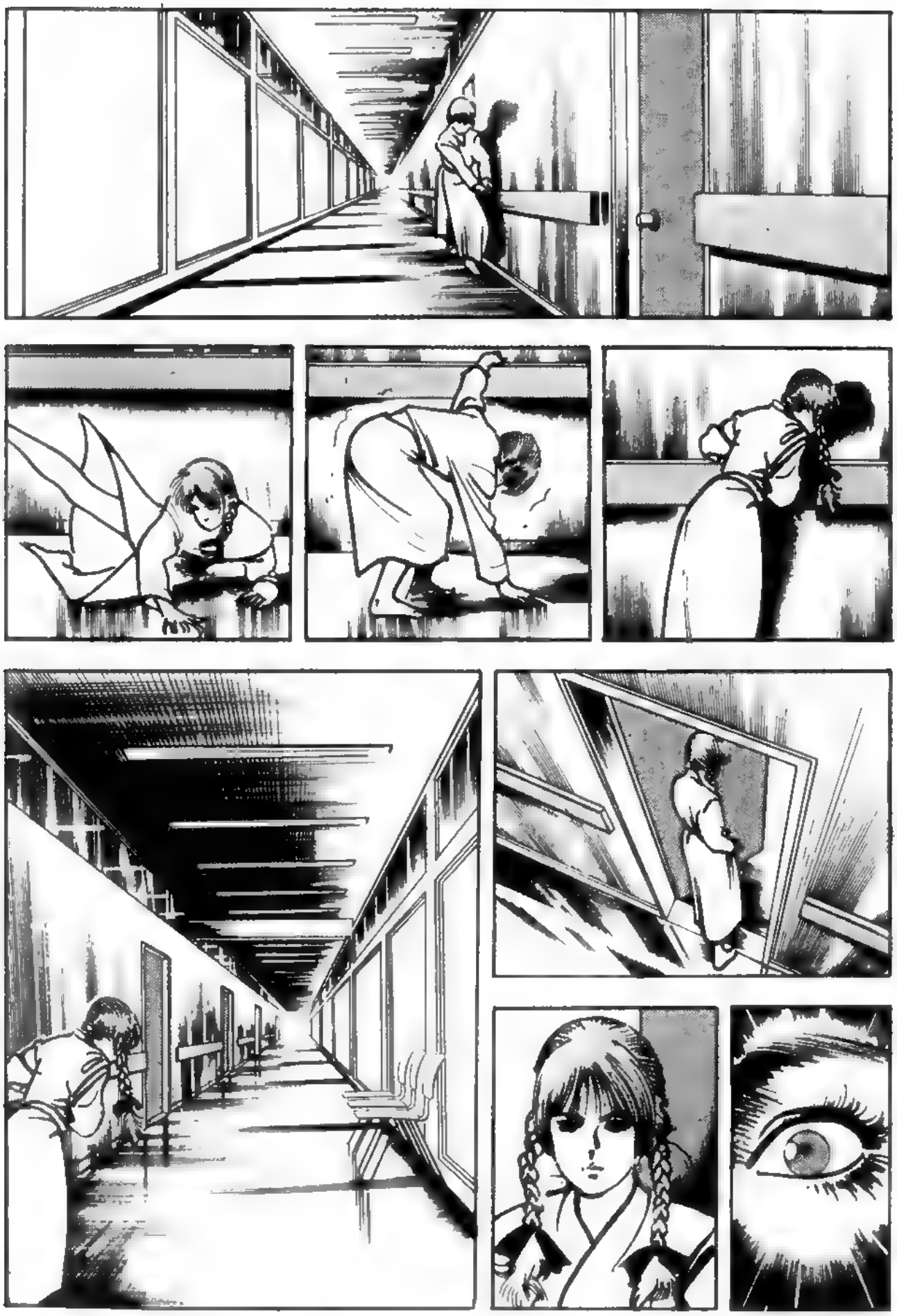
BUT HE'S GONNA NEED SOME SERIOUS QUIET TIME FOR A WHILE!!



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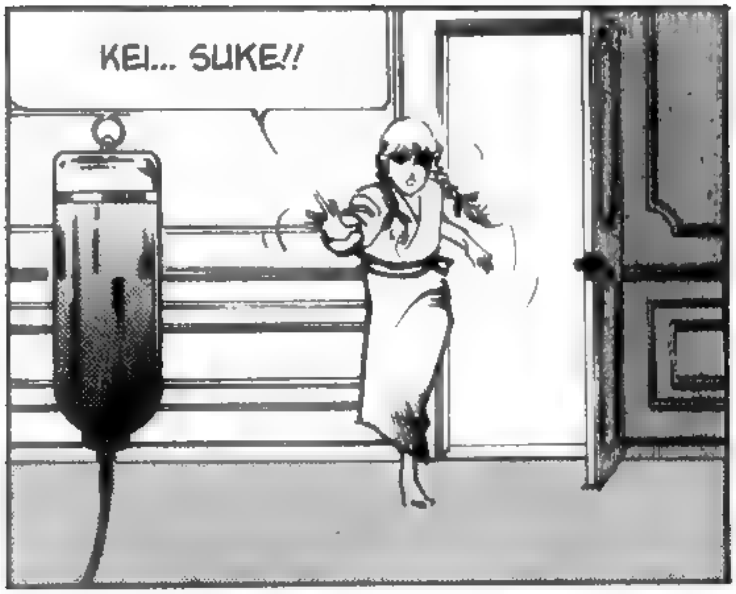
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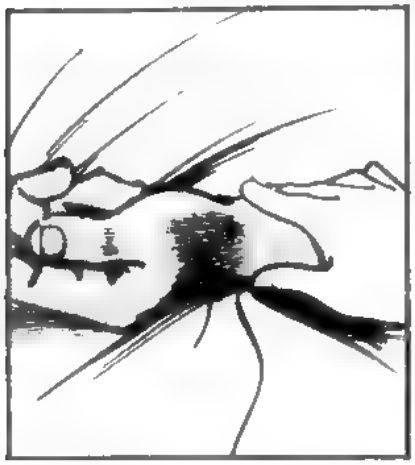

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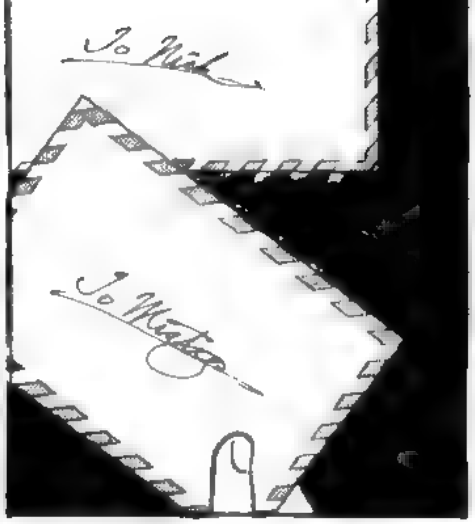
KEISUKE...

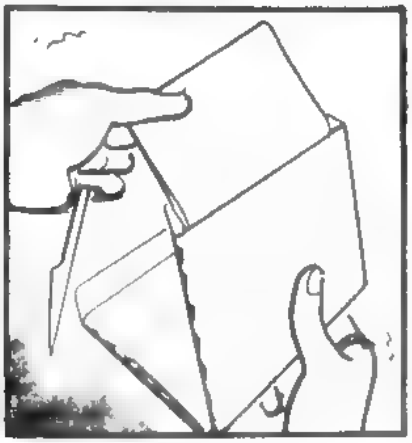
I'LL... DIE WITH YOU!!

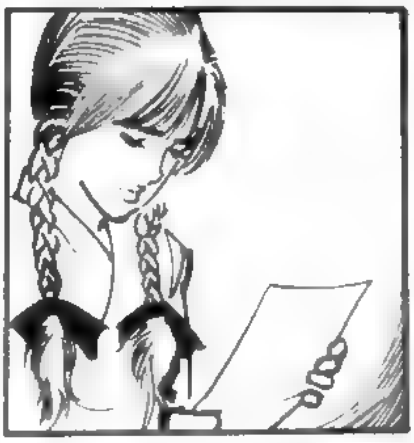


DEAR MISTY,
I HAVE DECLARED YOU
TO BE THE HEIR TO
HALF OF MY FORTUNE...

MY LAWYER HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO
TRANSFER MY
PROPERTY AND
POSSESSIONS
TO YOUR CARE.

2/28/1985
IBARAKI KEISUKE





TO MY GOOD FRIEND, NICK, WHO SWORE TO LIVE OR DIE WITH ME, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO INHERIT HALF OF MY FORTUNE. YOUR PORTION WILL BE GIVEN ACCORDING TO MY LAWYER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

THIS IS ALL DEPENDENT ON ONE CONDITION - YOU HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO PROTECT MISTY'S LIFE FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIVE.

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"THE OBLIGATION TO PROTECT...

MISTY'S LIFE"...

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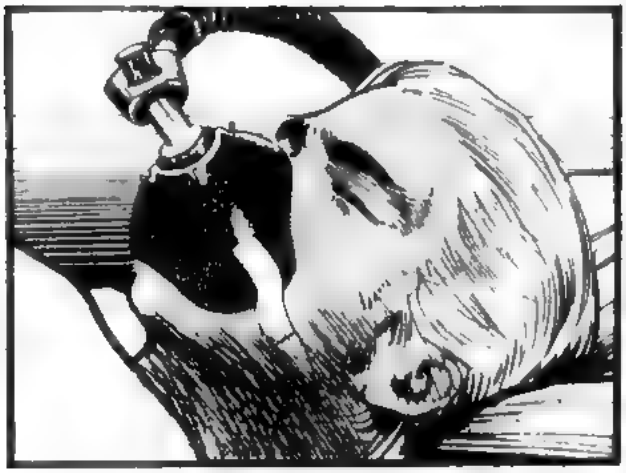
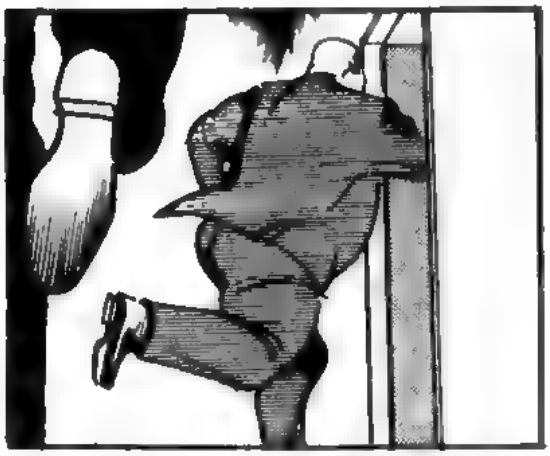


MS. MISTY! MS. MISTY IS GONE!!
WHA?
FIND HER!

HAS ANYONE COME OUT HERE?! ... A YOUNG GIRL?
NO, NOBODY!!

THE BOSS IS ALL RIGHT NOW! YOU GUYS STAY ALERT!!

YES, SIR!!



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IT'S OK NOW.
I'M HERE
WITH YOU.

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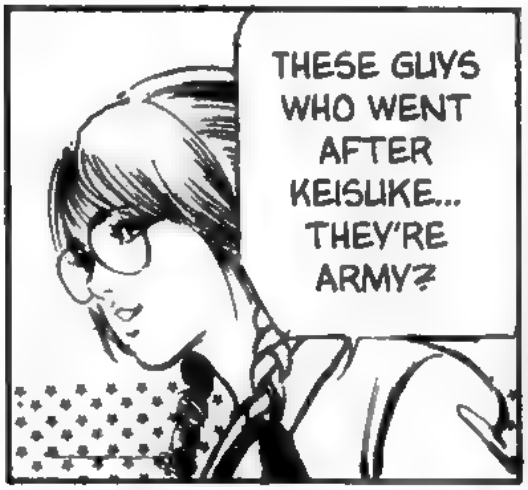
WELL, AREN'T WE HEAVILY GUARDED?
PLEASE, GO BACK INTO THE HOSPITAL, MISTY! YOU'RE STILL A PATIENT.
WHAT IF YOU GET SICK? I'LL BE BLAMED!
I'M FINE. THE DOCTOR SAID THAT IT'S OK FOR ME TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF EXERCISE.
BUT YOU DON'T LOOK WELL!

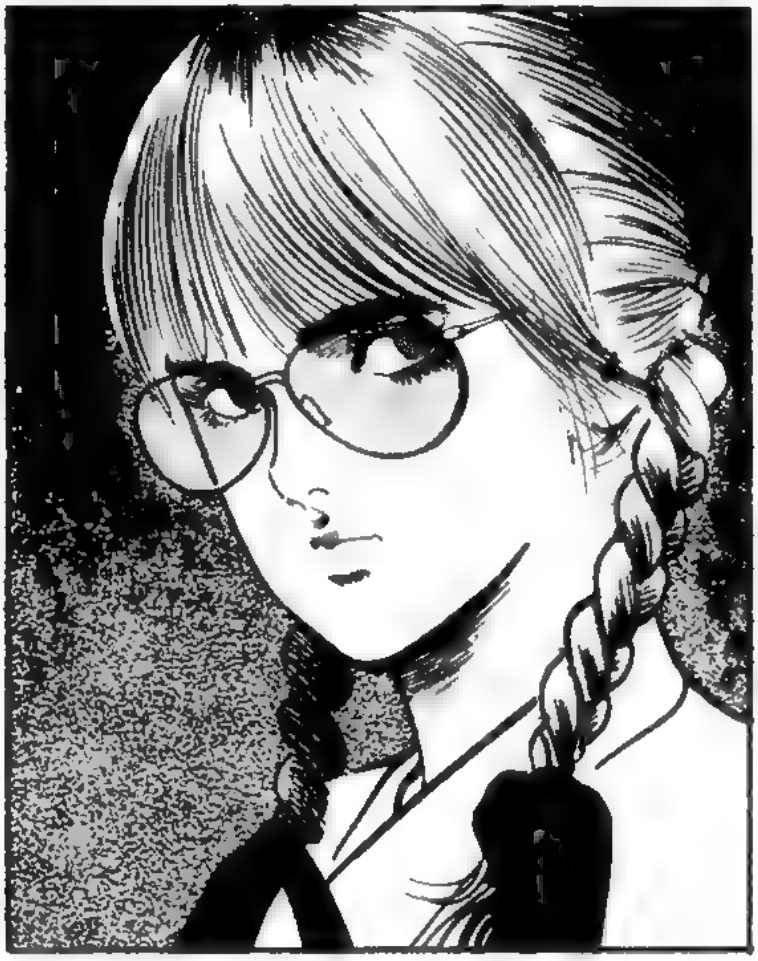
SO, THIS HOSPITAL BELONGS TO KEISUKE?
SURE, HE BOUGHT IT FOR YOU.

REALLY? SO, SINCE IT'S PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE POLICE CAN'T COME HERE, EITHER.

AND THERE ARE NO OTHER PATIENTS.


THESE GUYS WHO WENT AFTER KEISUKE... THEY'RE ARMY?

YEAH... HEY, WHO TOLD YOU?!



OH YEAH! YOU'RE A KILLER. I FORGOT.
SORRY!
RICKY, DO YOU HAVE A GUN?!
YES, I DO!
WHAT KIND?!
A WALTHER P.P. SPORT.
WHICH ONE?!
HUH?!
WALTHER P.P. SPORTS COME IN 2 LENGTHS OF BARREL...
... 152MM AND 210 MM.
YOU'RE GOOD!! MINE IS A 152MM.
CAN YOU LEND IT TO ME?

YOU MUST BE KIDDING! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? WHAT DO YOU WANT IT FOR?

TO PROTECT KEISUKE OF COURSE!

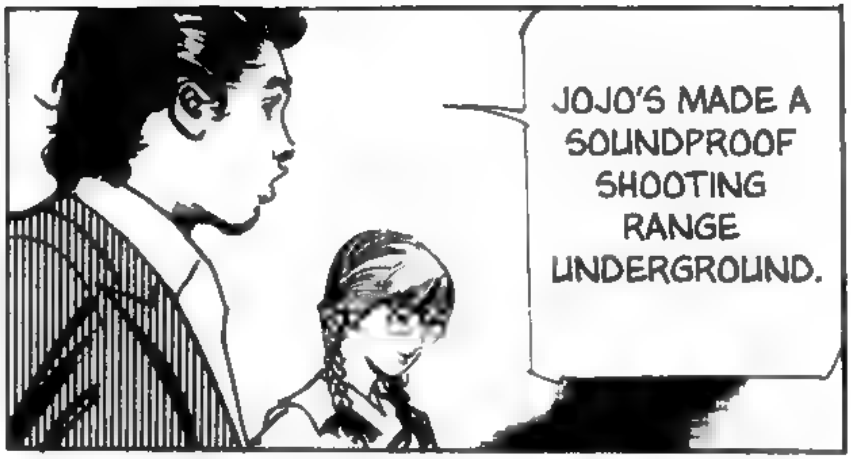
YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT!!
WE HAVE PLENTY OF PROS HERE!!

SHAAA

TAK
WOAA

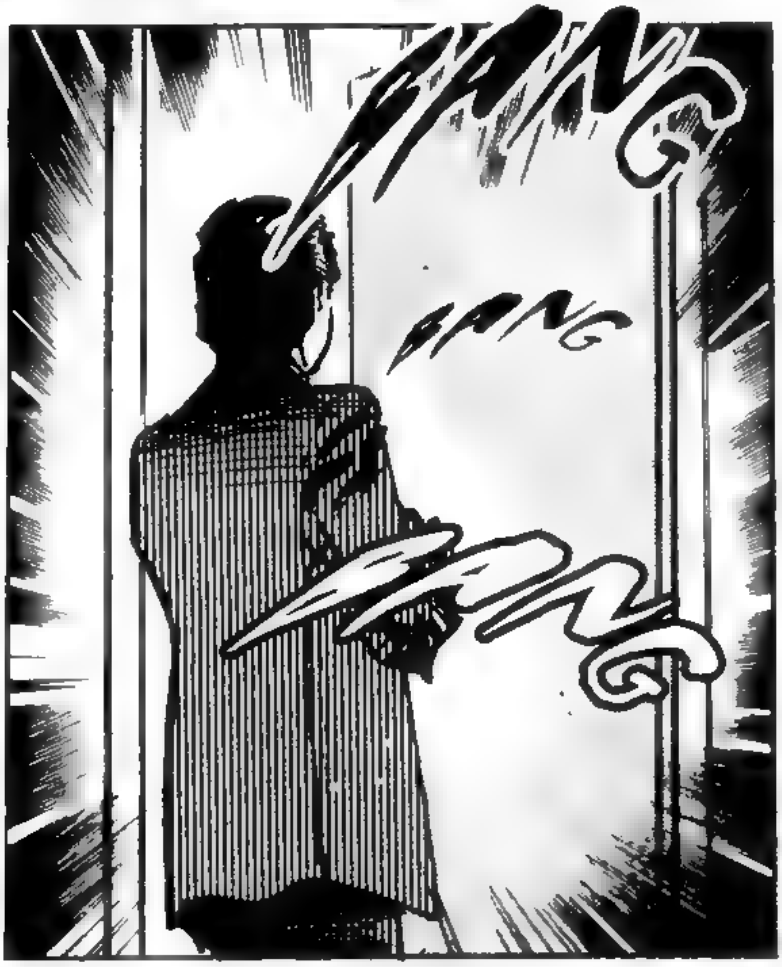
WILL YOU LEND ME THE GUN?!

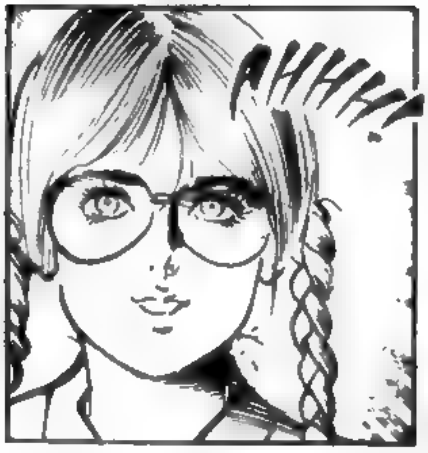
SHOOM
ARRRRRH! IT'S DANGER-OUS!
KUUUU!


JOJO'S MADE A SOUNDPROOF SHOOTING RANGE UNDERGROUND.

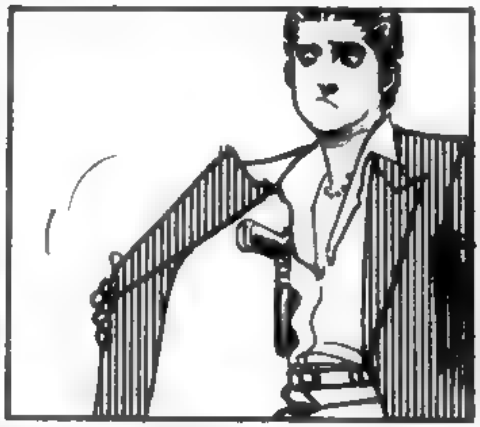
IT'S GOOD THAT KEISUKE MADE IT THROUGH ALIVE, HUH?

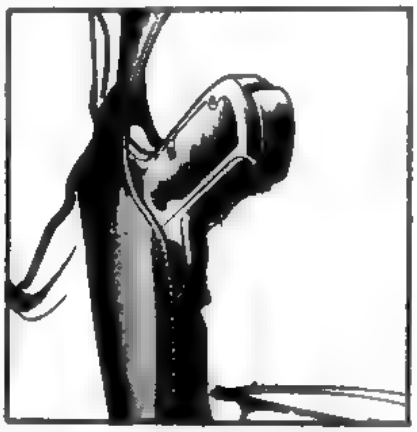
YEAH!!


BANG
BANG

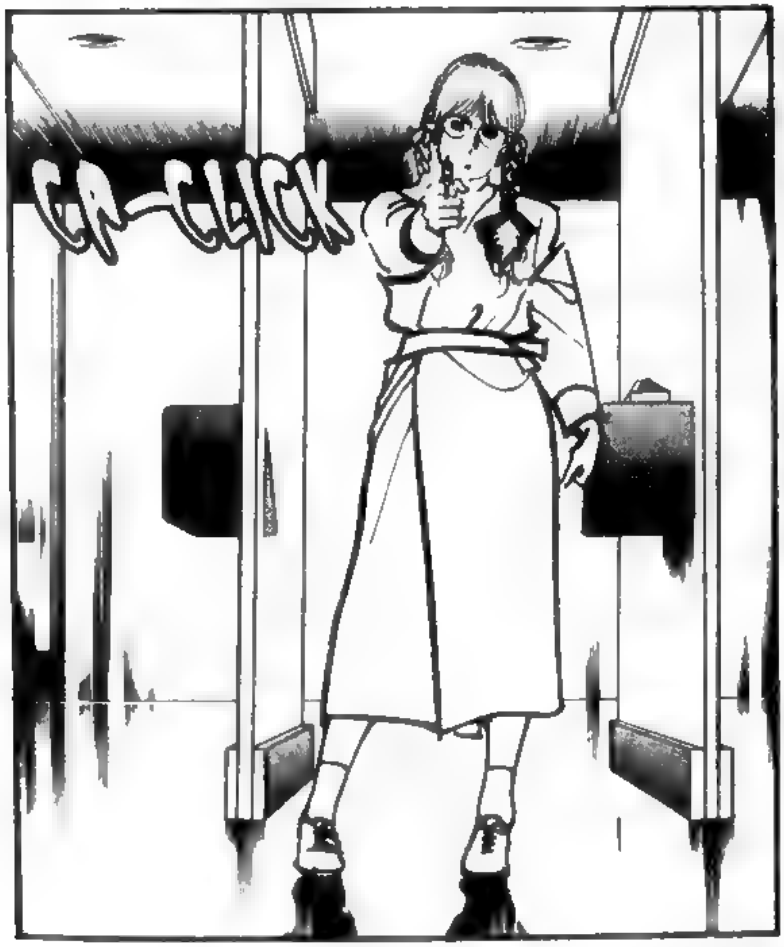

AHHHH!

IT'S MAR-VEL-OUS!
GIVE ME THE GUN... YOU PROM-ISED!!





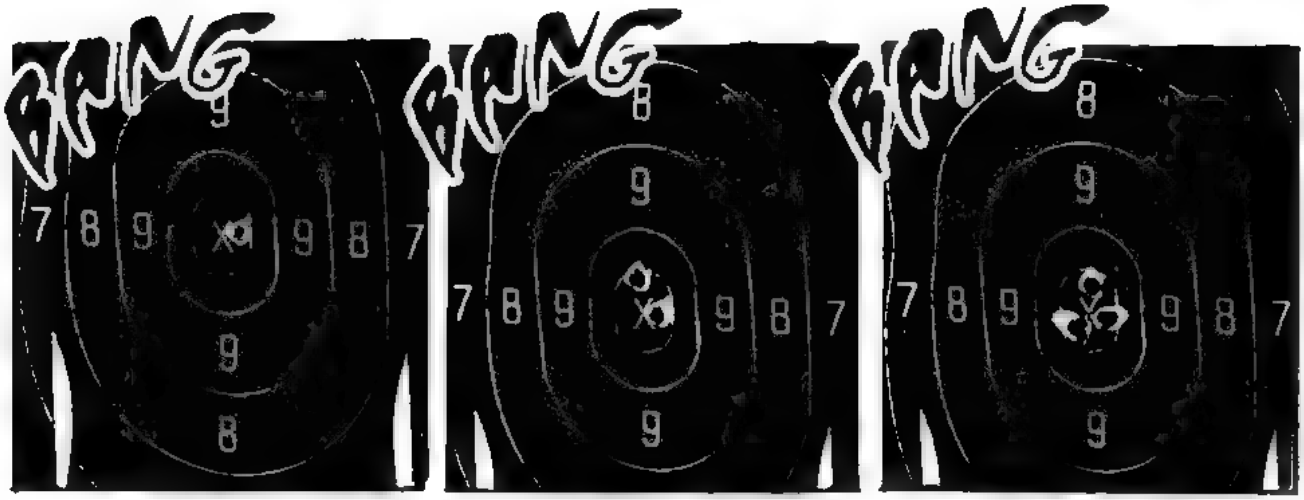
WHAT?!
WHO GAVE THE GUN TO...?


CA-CLICK

BANG
BANG
BANG

WPOW...
CHIK
SHUNNING

BANG
BANG
BANG
Model PP Sport Cal 22LR


BANG
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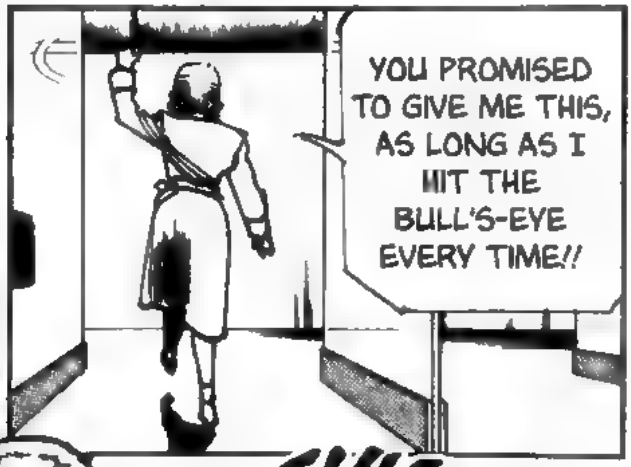
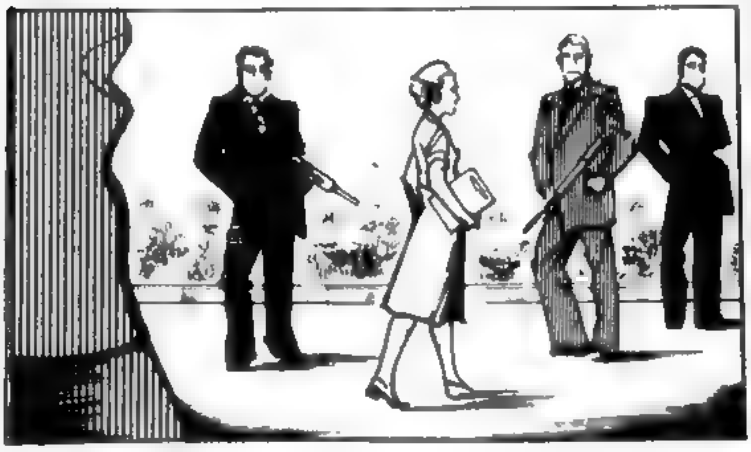
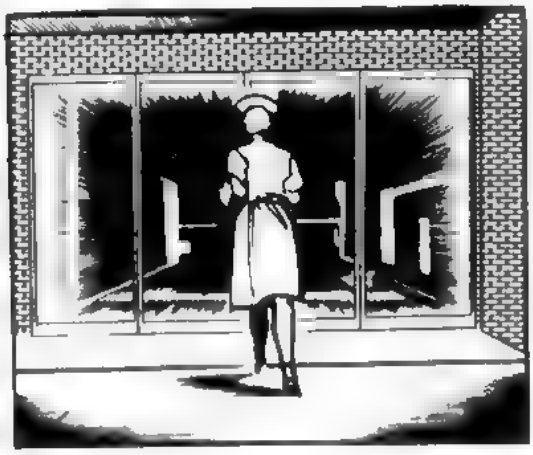
HMMM...

BYE BYE!!

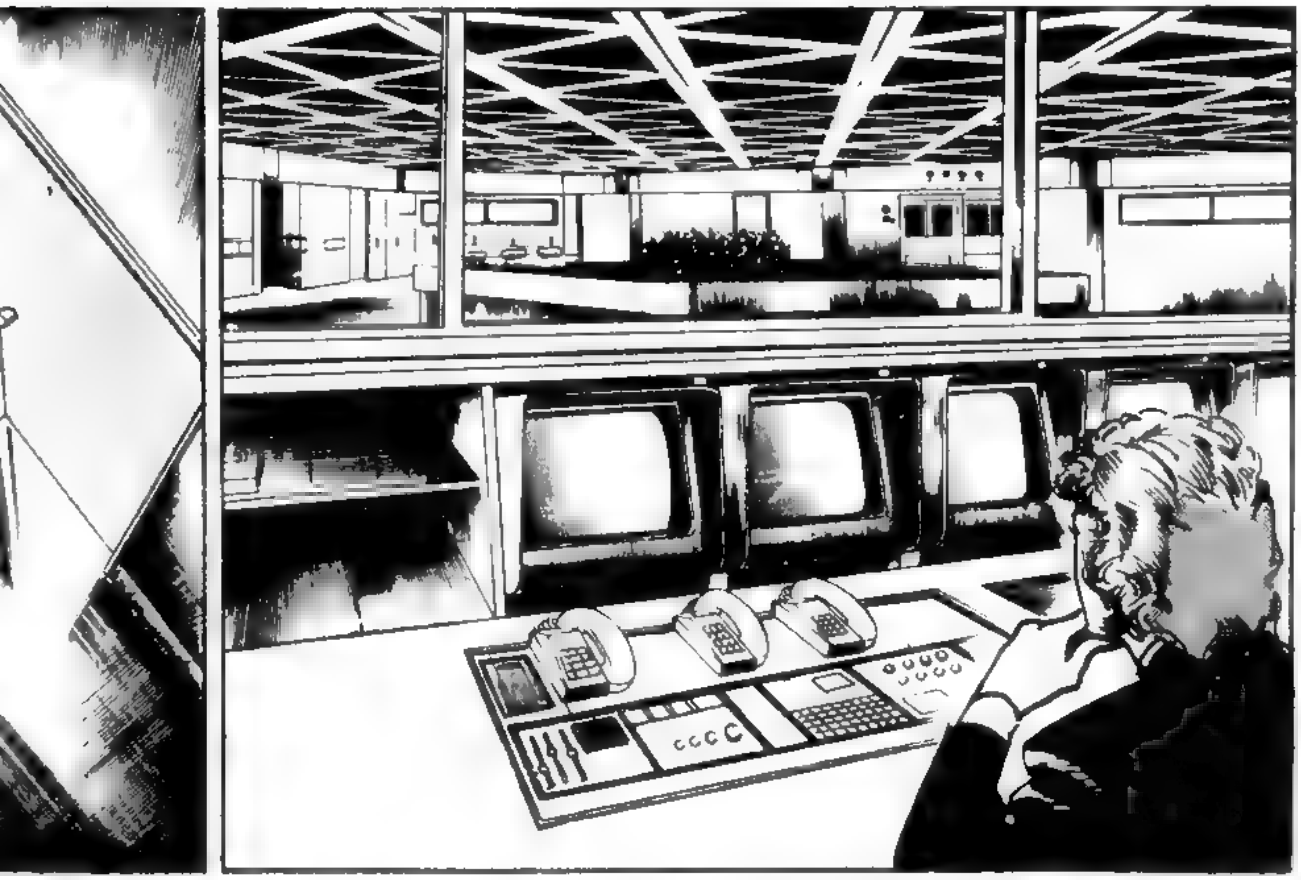

YOU PROMISED TO GIVE ME THIS, AS LONG AS I HIT THE BULL'S-EYE EVERY TIME!!

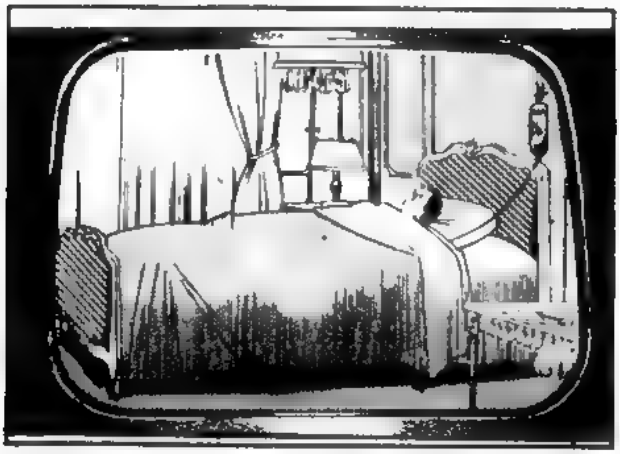
THWACK

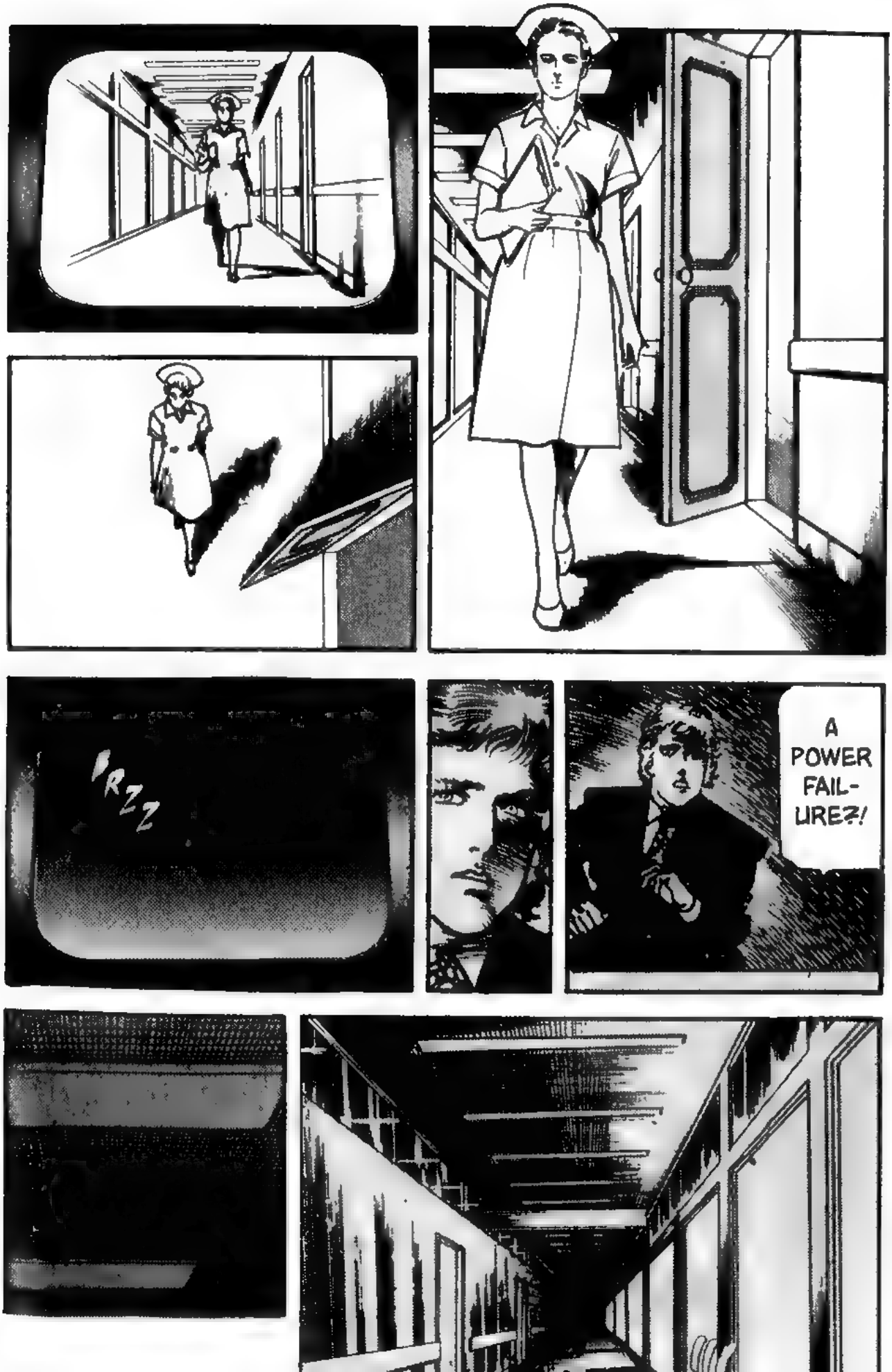




SMILE



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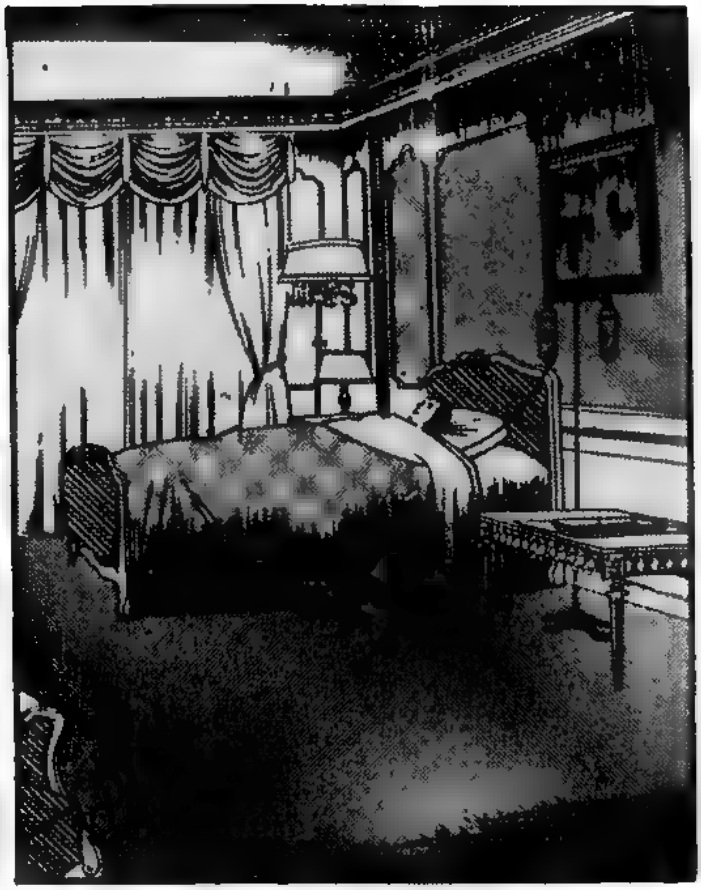
A POWER FAIL-URE?!



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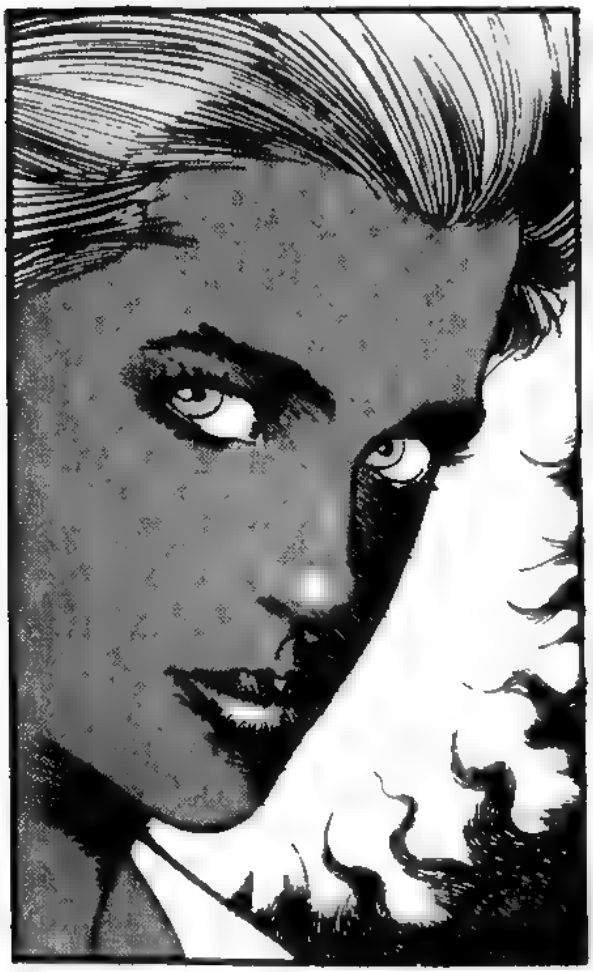

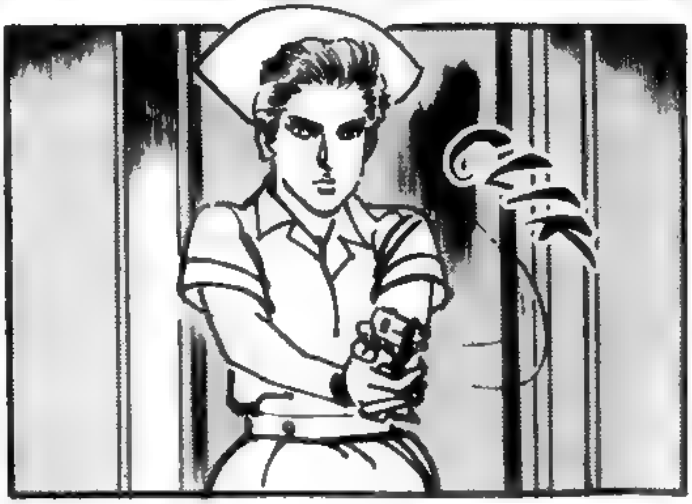

BANG
BANG
BANG

WOAAA!

IF YOU THINK THE VETERANS' MEMBERS ARE ALL OLD MEN, YOU'RE MISTAKEN!!
PERHAPS NOW YOU WILL OPEN YOUR EYES.

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NURSES AND DOCTORS WILL PAY ATTENTION TO AN OPEN DOOR, BECAUSE THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE PATIENT!!
BUT THIS WOMAN SAW AN OPEN DOOR AND WALKED RIGHT BY WITHOUT STOPPING.
HMPH
I'M AFRAID YOU GUYS ARE NOT VERY RELI-ABLE!!

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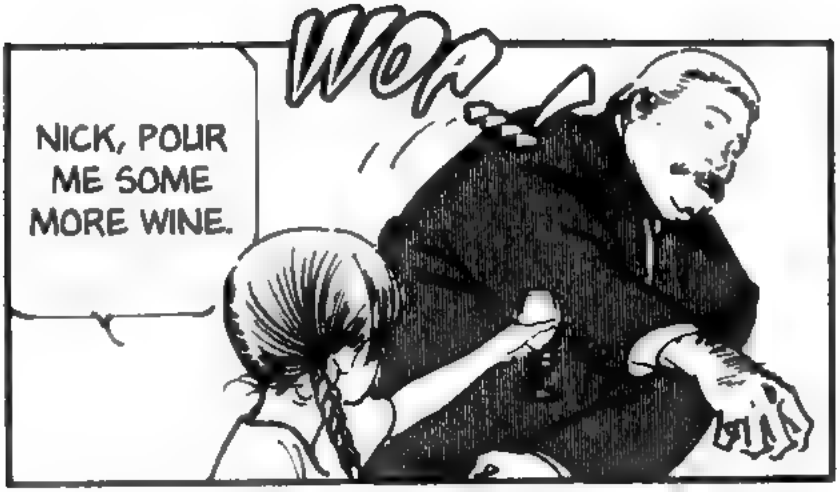
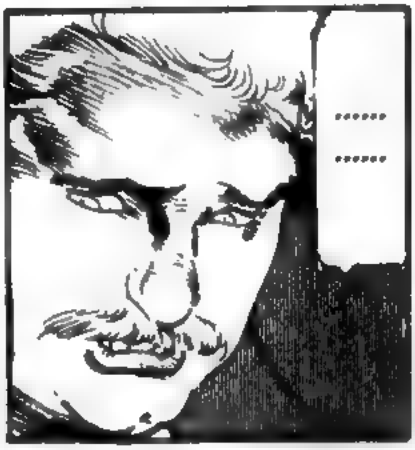

NICK, POUR ME SOME MORE WINE.
WOW

HEY, MISTY!

DON'T CALL MY NAME DIRECTLY!! I'M YOUR BOSS'S LOVER. YOU GUYS SURE ARE ARROGANT!!
EH...?
EH...?

YOU HAVE TO PROTECT ME FOREVER, DON'T YOU?!

WHERE'S YOUR REPLY?!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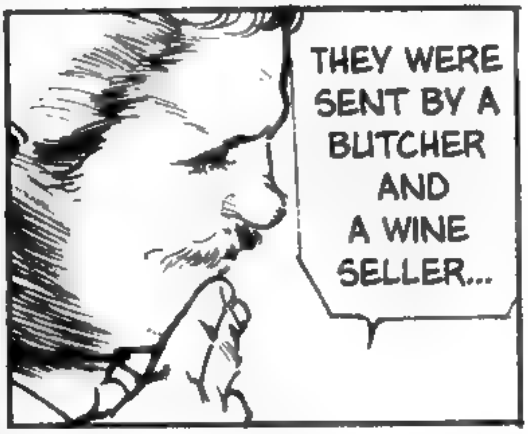
KEISUKE TOLD THIS TO YOU, RIGHT?!

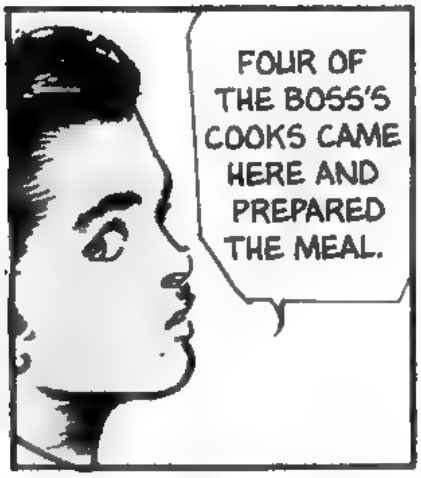
YES, YES!!
ONE YES IS FINE.
YES!!
CALL ME MADAM.
FAINT
MADAM MISTY.
IT SHOULD BE MADAM KEISUKE.
WHAT
CALL ME MADAM K.
YES, MADAM K.

CHIK CHIK
MUNCH MUNCH
HUH...!
MADAM K?
WHAT?!
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH TO EAT TOO MUCH!
I HAVE PERMISSION FROM THE DOCTOR.
GRoo
JOJO!!

YES, MADAM K.

WHO BROUGHT THIS WINE AND MEAT? AND WHO COOKED?!


THEY WERE SENT BY A BUTCHER AND A WINE SELLER...


FOUR OF THE BOSS'S COOKS CAME HERE AND PREPARED THE MEAL.

YOU 3 GUYS AND THE DRIVER KIJIMA...
PLUS ME, ARE 5 PEOPLE. FROM NOW ON WE'LL BUY THE WINE AND FOOD DIRECTLY FROM THE MARKET.

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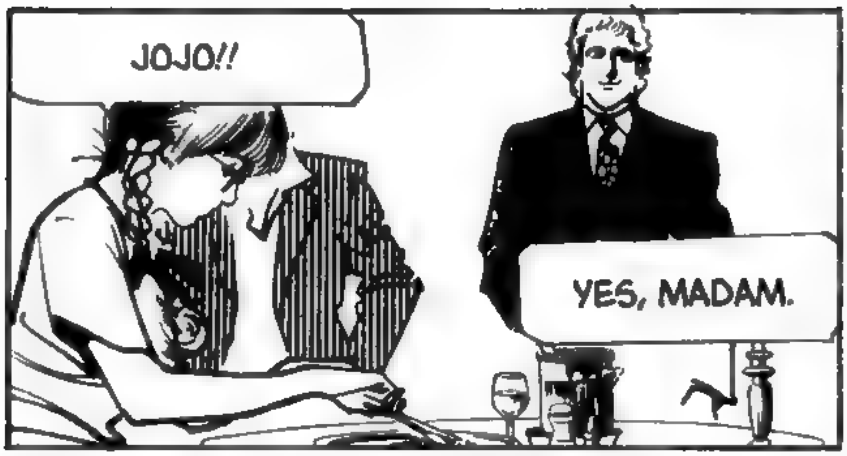
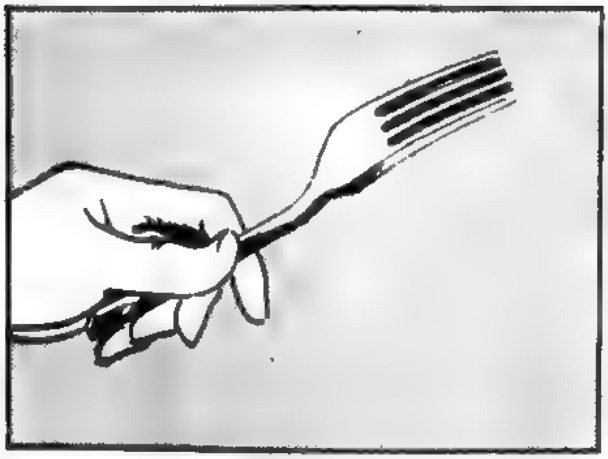

JOJO!!
YES, MADAM.

YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT FOOD.

I'M A CHEF AS WELL.

THEN YOU STAY AND WATCH THE KITCHEN!!

WHERE'S YOUR REPLY!
YES! MADAM K!

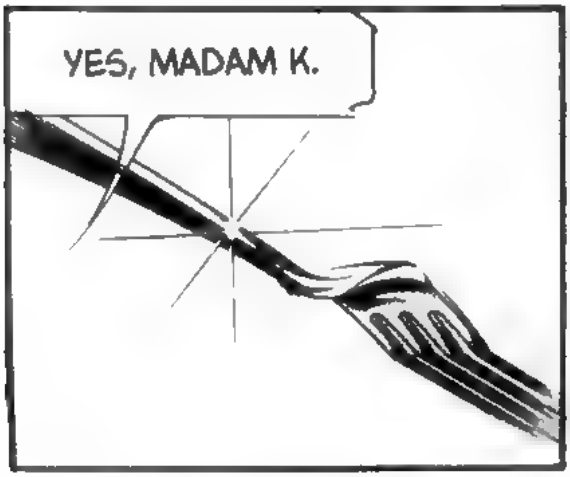


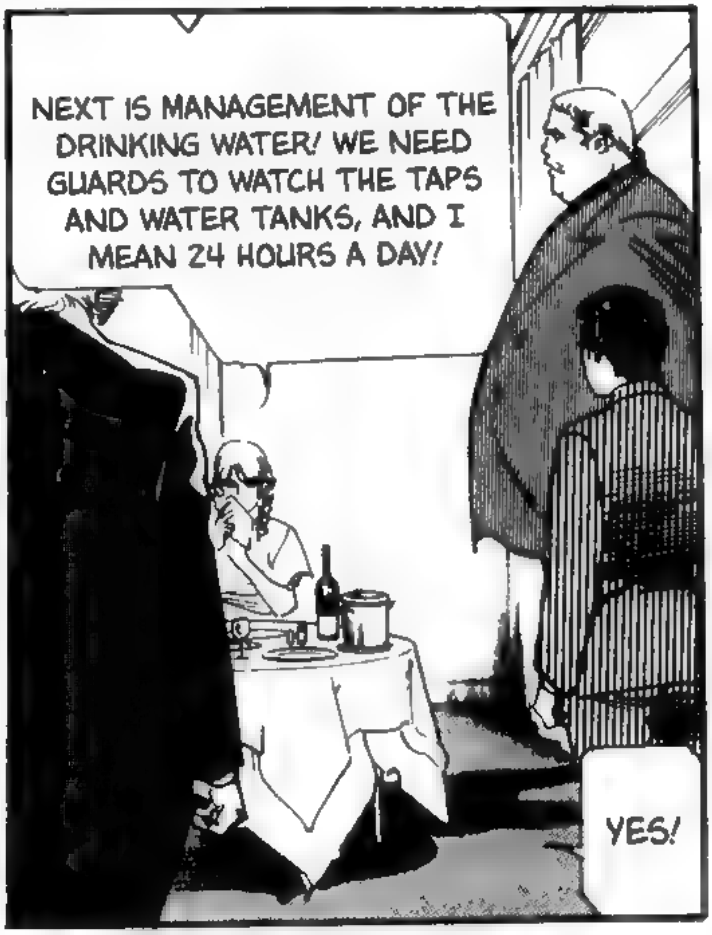
YOU! KEEP AN EYE ON THE TABLEWARE! NO MATTER IF IT'S BEING WASHED, SITTING ON A TABLE OR BEING RETRIEVED!

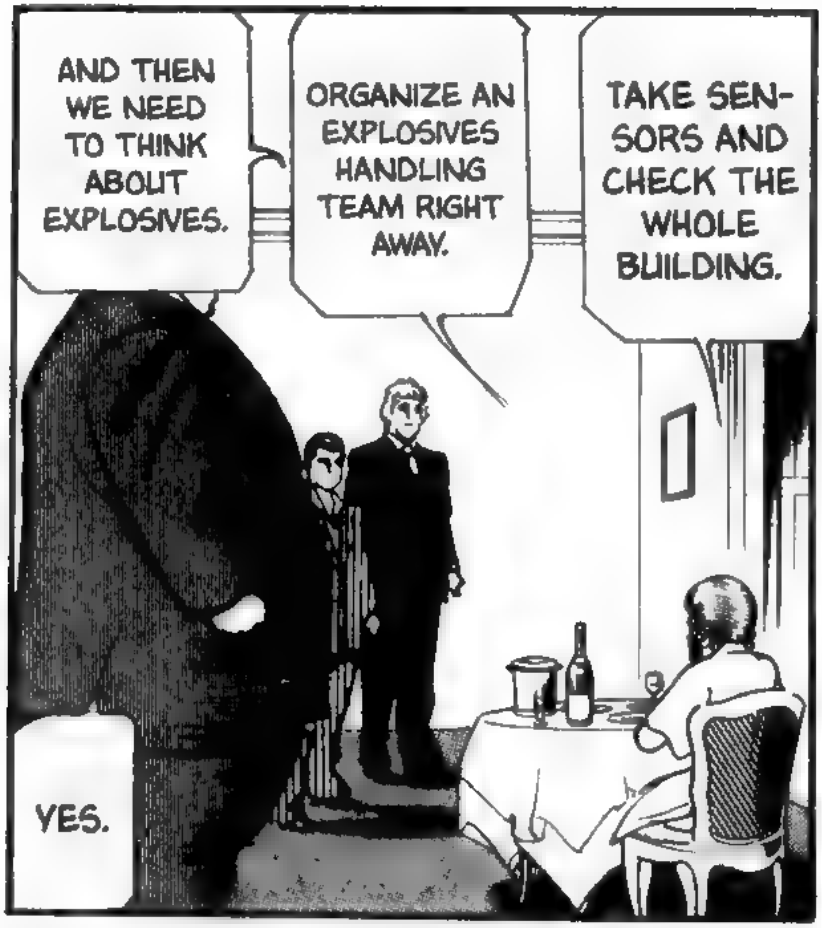
PHHH

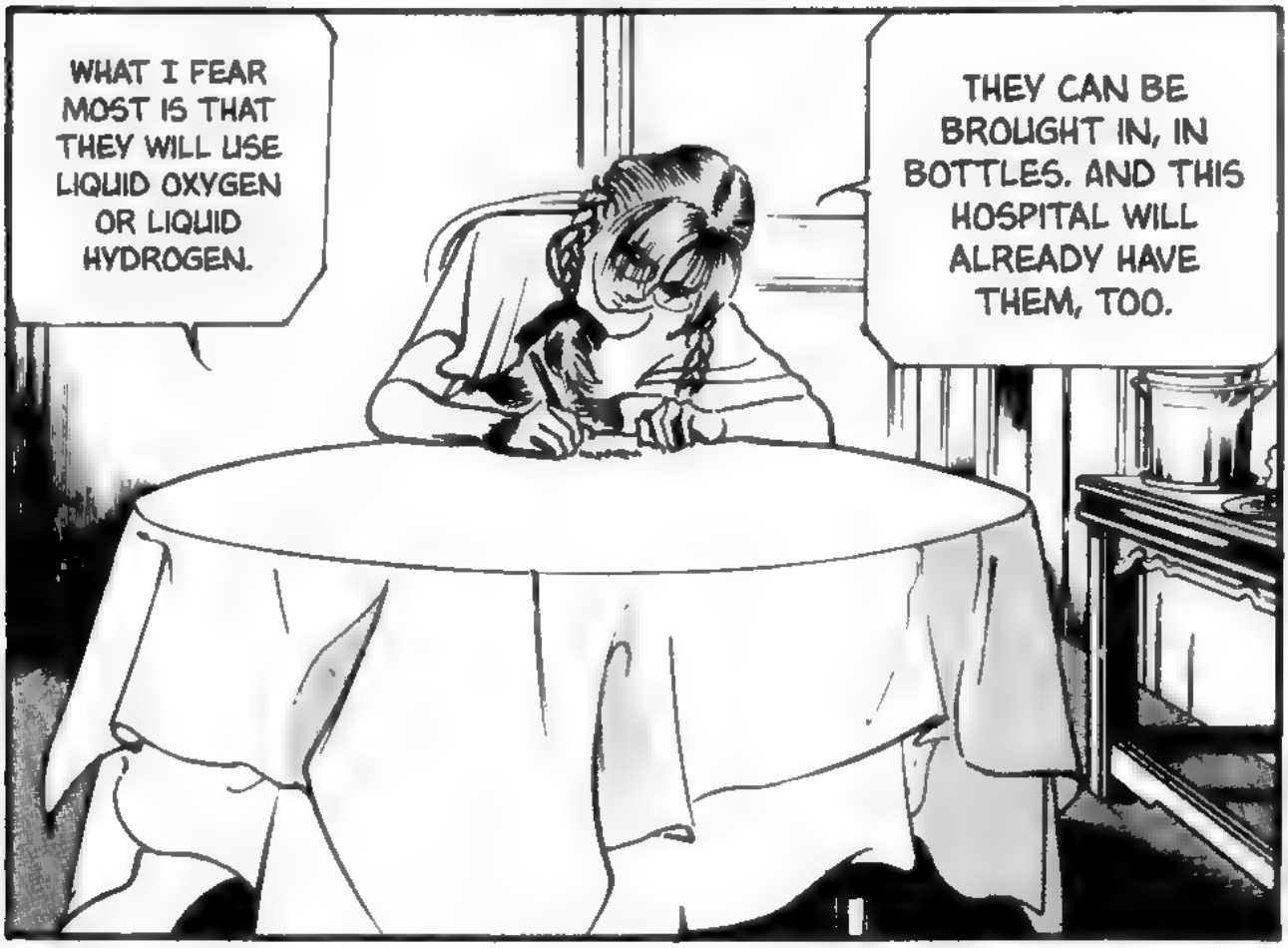
WOOSH!

SHREEE

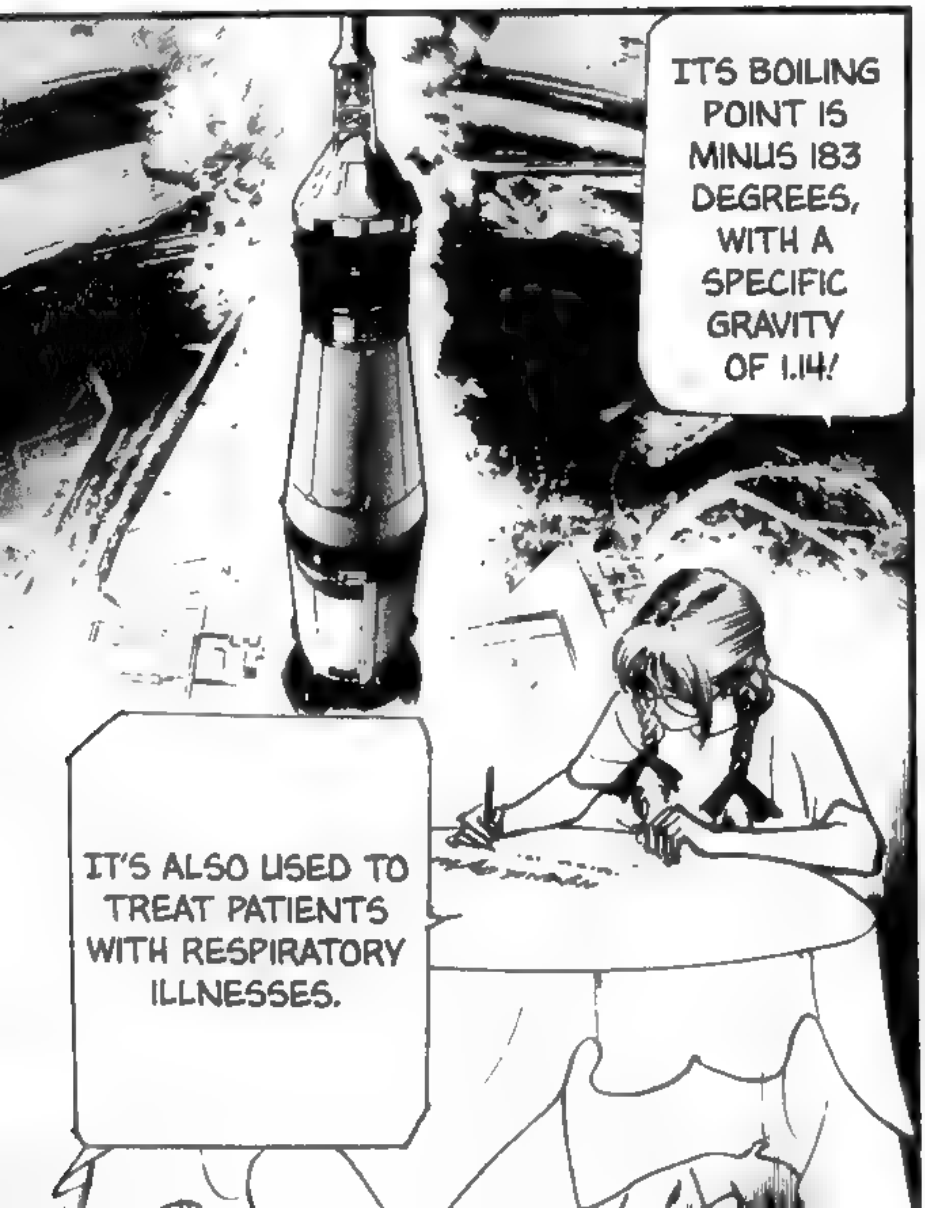

YES, MADAM K.

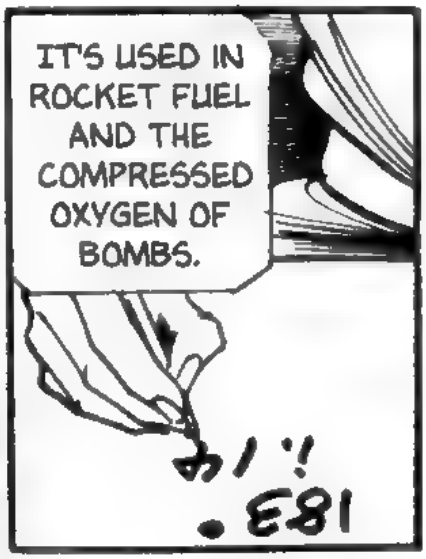

NEXT IS MANAGEMENT OF THE DRINKING WATER! WE NEED GUARDS TO WATCH THE TAPS AND WATER TANKS, AND I MEAN 24 HOURS A DAY!
YES!


AND THEN WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT EXPLOSIVES.
ORGANIZE AN EXPLOSIVES HANDLING TEAM RIGHT AWAY.
TAKE SENSORS AND CHECK THE WHOLE BUILDING.
YES.

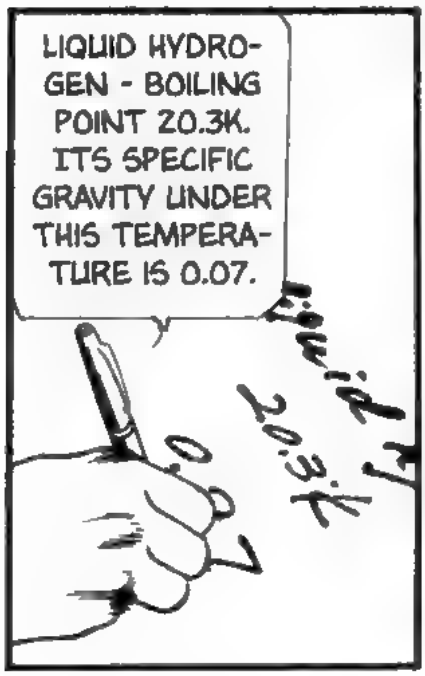

WHAT I FEAR MOST IS THAT THEY WILL USE LIQUID OXYGEN OR LIQUID HYDROGEN.
THEY CAN BE BROUGHT IN, IN BOTTLES. AND THIS HOSPITAL WILL ALREADY HAVE THEM, TOO.

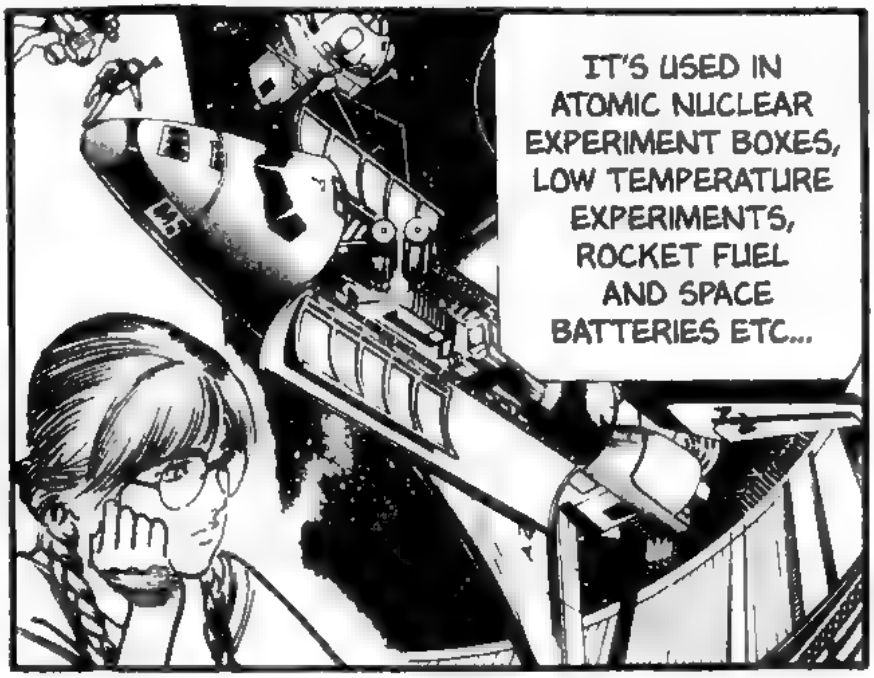
liquid Oxygen

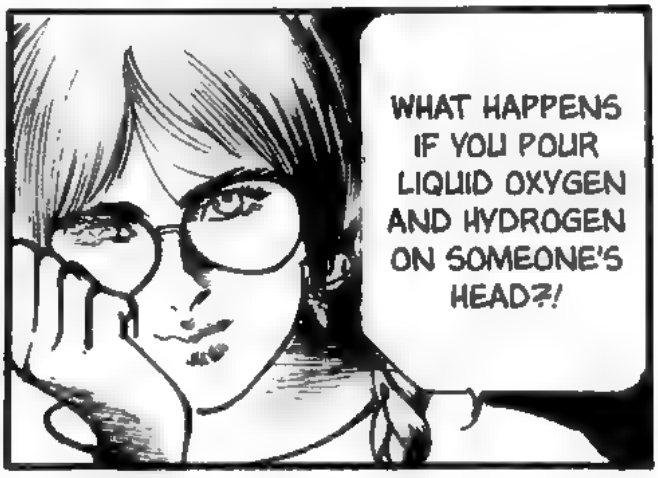


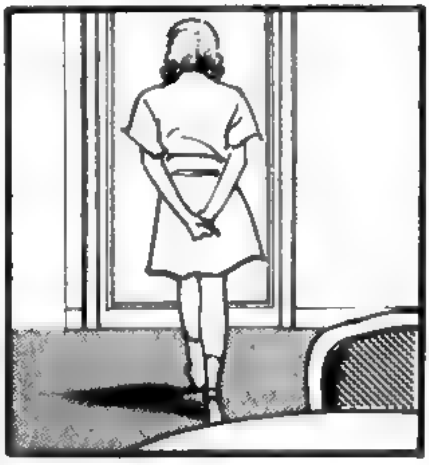


liquid hydrogen

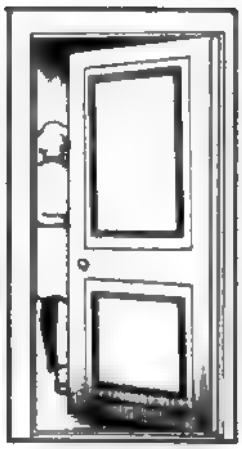








THINK ABOUT IT!



WHAT WILL HAP-PEN?!
THEY'D FREEZE INSTANTLY.
AND WITH ONE LITTLE TAP... SHATTER INTO A BILLION PIECES!!

I'LL GUARD KEISUKE'S ROOM.

K.
HMMM

THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE CAN TRUST THE GIRL OR NOT.

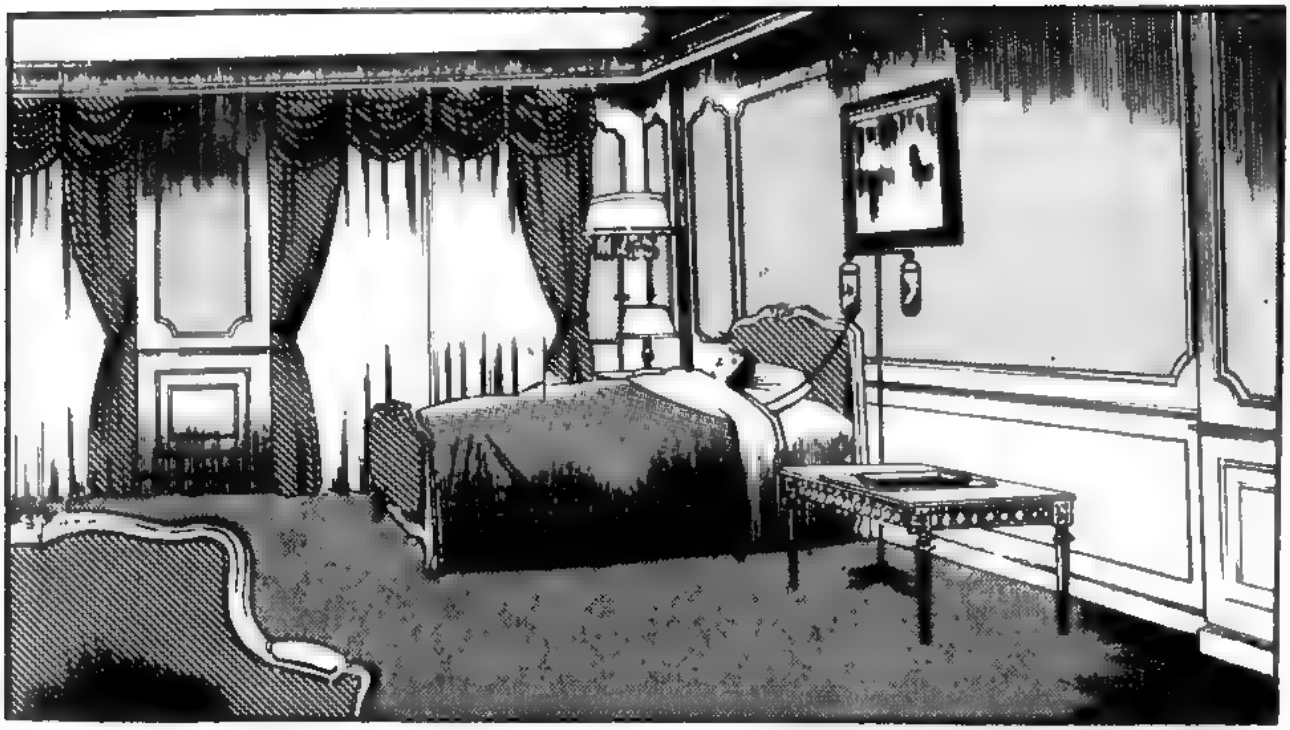
RIGHT!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S THINKING.

BUT SHE'S GOOD!!

YEAH!

SHE'S DEFINITELY NO ORDINARY PERSON... BUT WHOSE SIDE IS SHE ON?

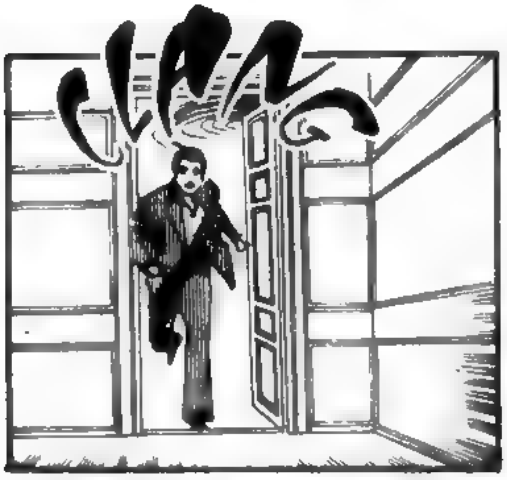


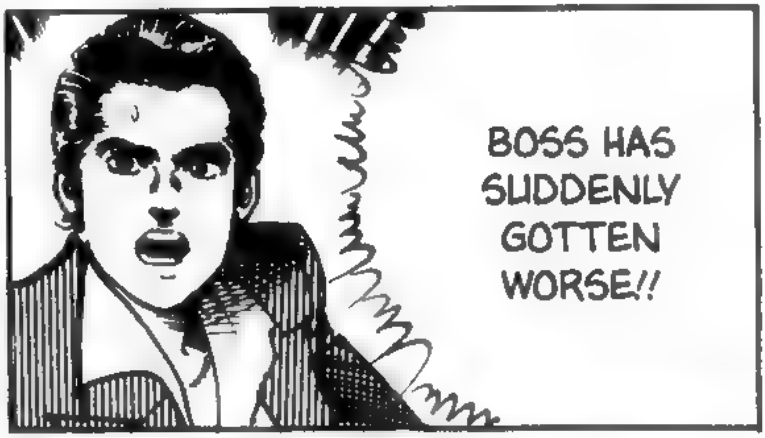
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO DO THIS!!

BUT WE HAVE TO!

YES!!

CALL THE DOCTORS AND NURSES!
DON'T LET MISTY FIND OUT!




BOSS HAS SUDDENLY GOTTEN WORSE!!

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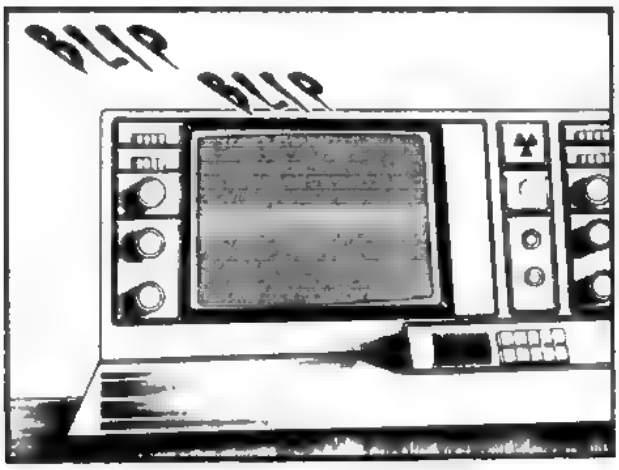
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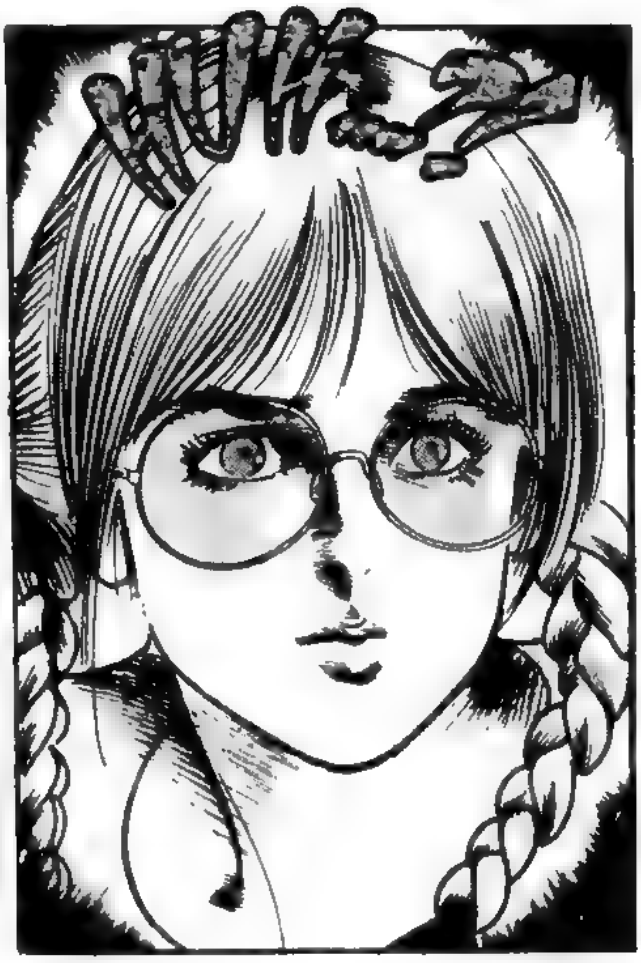
HUH...?

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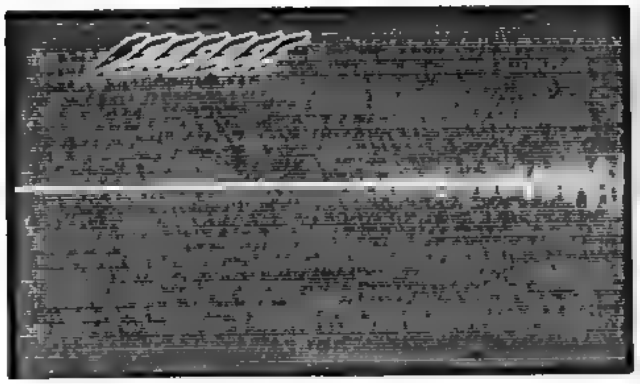

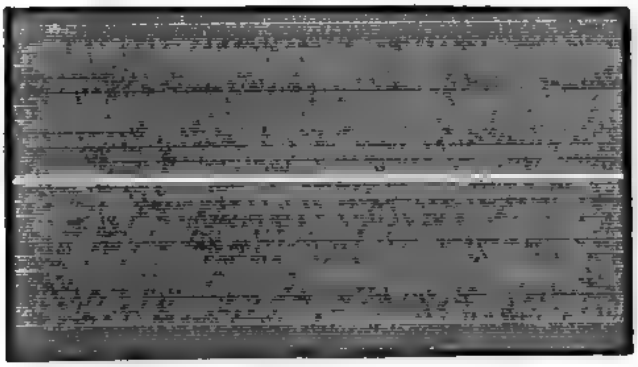

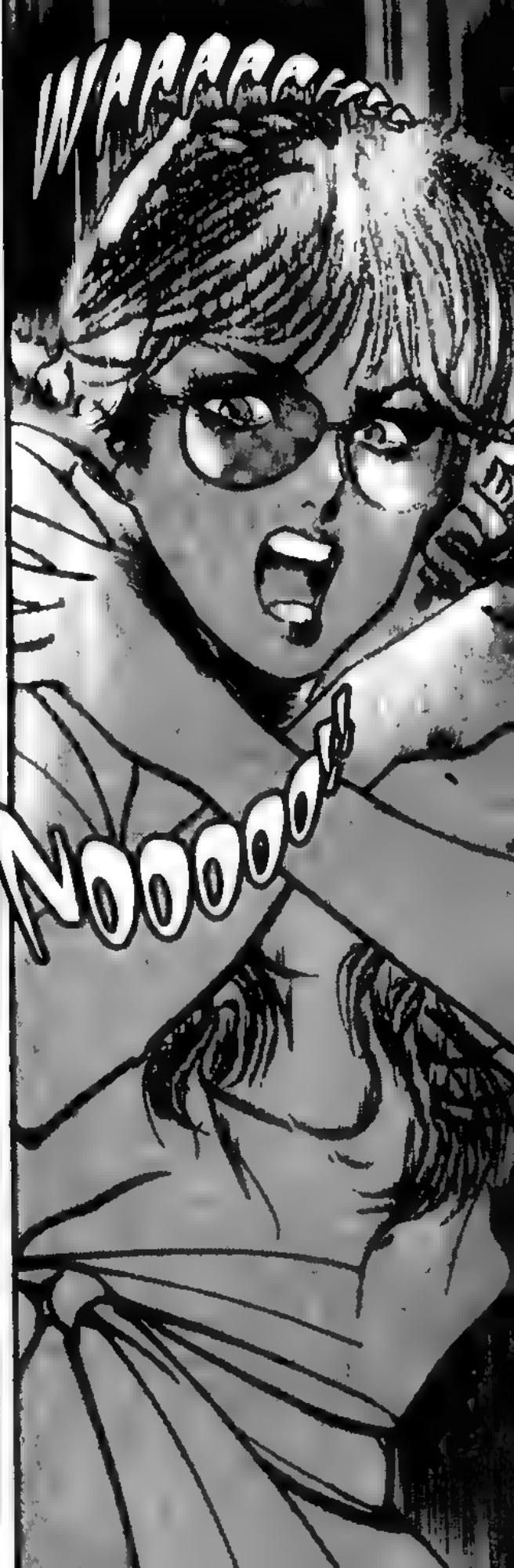
WAAAAAAAGH
Noooooo!

KEISUKE!! I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE!!
YANK
SHAKE SHAKE
NOOOO!
WAAAAAH!!
I LOVE YOU!! KEISUKE!!
AHHHHHH!!

UNG...

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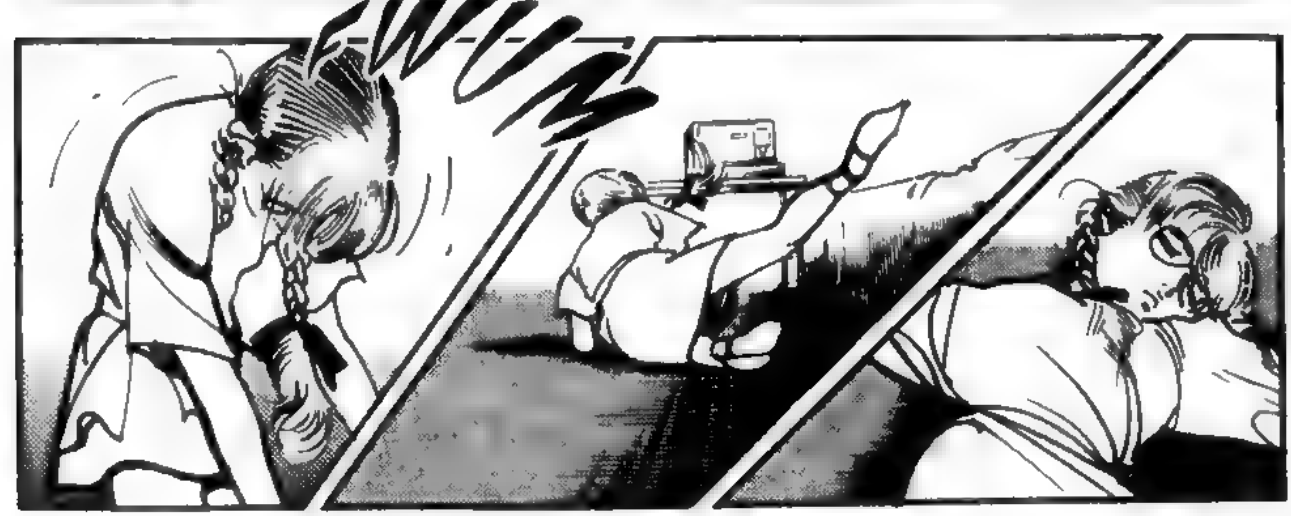
HUH?

WHAT'S WRONG, MISTY?!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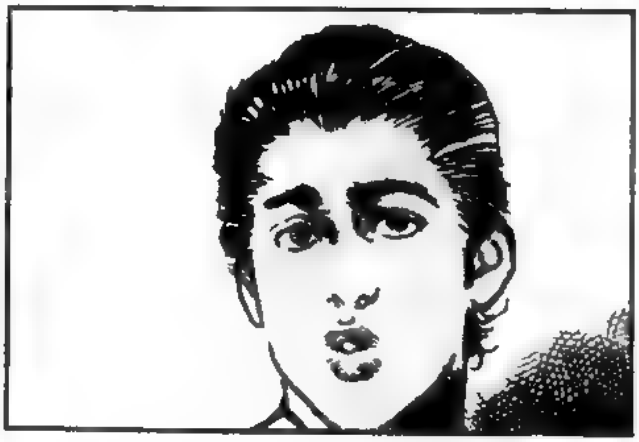
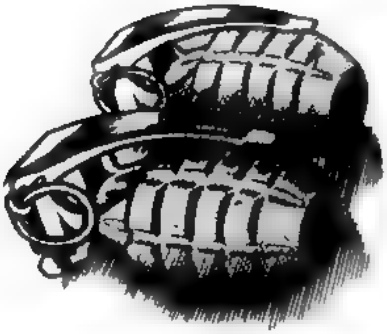


WELL I GUESS THAT PROVES IT!
SHE'S THE REAL MADAM K.
IT AIN'T GONNA BE FUN WHEN SHE WAKES UP.

?!



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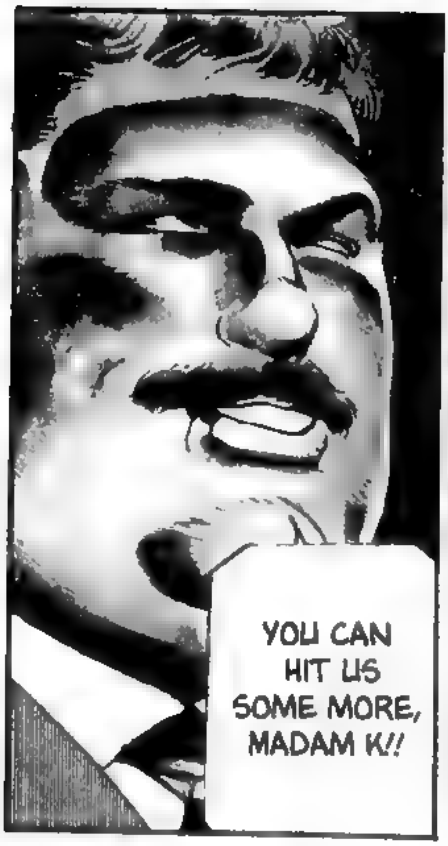
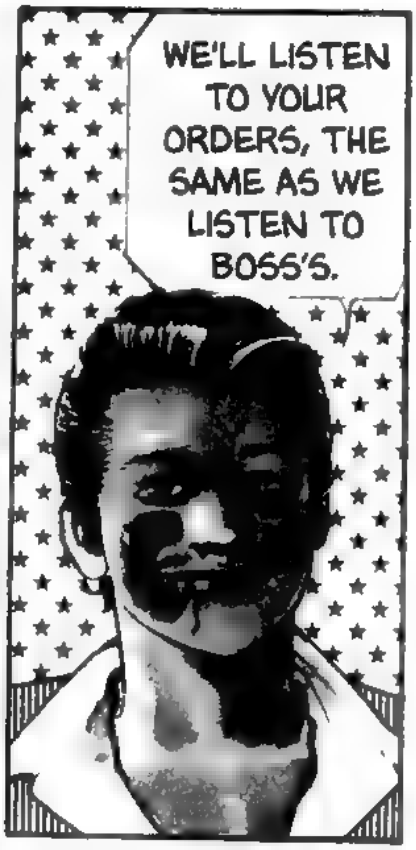
HEH...
HEH...


YOU CAN HIT US SOME MORE, MADAM K!!

YOU'RE MAR-VEL-OUS!!


WE'LL LISTEN TO YOUR ORDERS, THE SAME AS WE LISTEN TO BOSS'S.

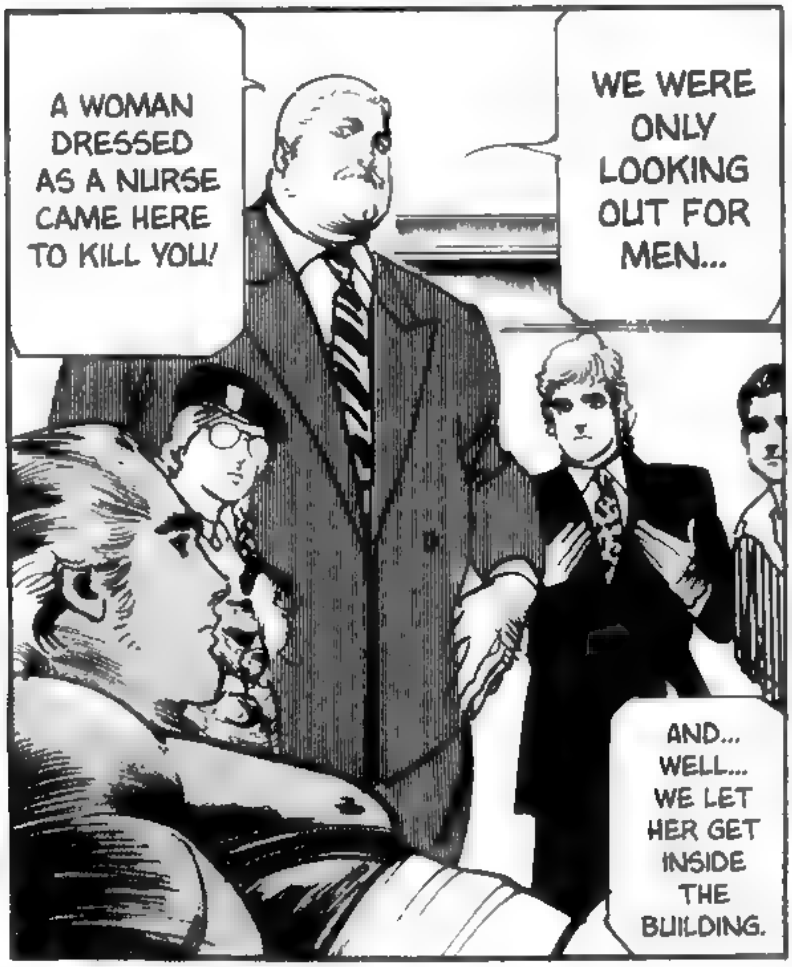
HEH
HEH!

THEY CONSPIRED TO DECEIVE ME! EVEN THE DOCTORS AND NURSES WERE A PART OF IT!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE MEAN TO THEM, RIGHT?

GRRR

HALT

HAVE THE VETERANS MADE ANY MORE MOVES?!


A WOMAN DRESSED AS A NURSE CAME HERE TO KILL YOU!
WE WERE ONLY LOOKING OUT FOR MEN...
AND... WELL... WE LET HER GET INSIDE THE BUILDING.

IT WAS REALLY CLOSE, BOSS! AND MISTY SHE ...

BANG!

I KNOW THAT WHEN A NURSE SEES AN OPEN DOOR, SHE'LL DEFINITELY CHECK INSIDE!
WHEN I SAW HER PASS AN OPEN DOOR AND PAY NO ATTENTION TO IT, I BEGAN FOL-LOWING HER.
SINCE THEN, WE'VE ARRANGED A PERFECT SYSTEM UNDER MISTY'S... OOPS... I MEAN, MADAM K'S COMMAND.

MADAM K?!

I TOLD THEM TO ADDRESS ME LIKE THIS.

WE HAVE SECURITY FOR EXPLOSIVES, WATER... EVEN FOOD.
NOT EVEN THE VETERANS CAN GET BY US.

THEY'VE BEEN QUIET EVER SINCE.

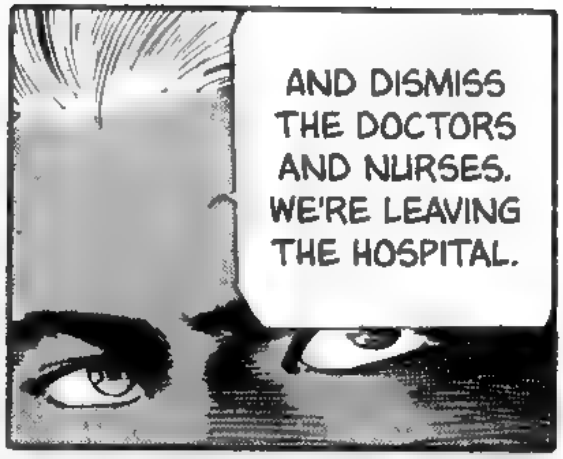
HAH?!

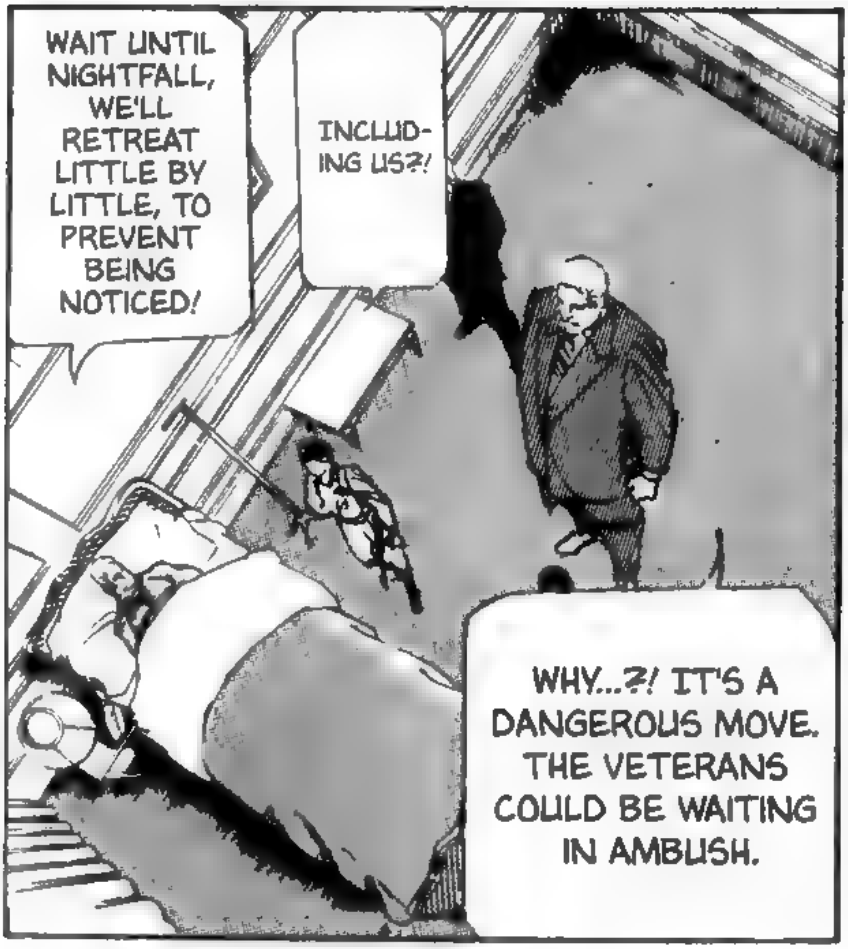
WHAT ABOUT THE MEN GUARDING HERE?!

THERE ARE 30 PEOPLE SPREAD OUT OVER THE PREMISES.

SEND THEM HOME.

WHAT?!


AND DISMISS THE DOCTORS AND NURSES. WE'RE LEAVING THE HOSPITAL.


WAIT UNTIL NIGHTFALL, WE'LL RETREAT LITTLE BY LITTLE, TO PREVENT BEING NOTICED!
INCLUDING US?!
WHY...?! IT'S A DANGEROUS MOVE. THE VETERANS COULD BE WAITING IN AMBUSH.

LISTEN! WHEN THE SUN SETS, WE'LL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!

WH... WHERE ARE WE HEADED FOR, BOSS?!

THE SEA!!
CON-TACT KIJIMA!
WHY?! IT'S DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO MOVE IN THIS CONDITION!
YOU, SHUT UP!
YOU... HOW COULD ...?
HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT?!!
IF I WEREN'T HERE RIGHT NOW, YOU'D BE IN GREAT DANGER!
WHAT'S WITH THOSE CLOTHES? TAKE OFF THE COMBAT SUIT!!

AND THE WEAPON...? PEOPLE CALLING YOU MADAM K...?!! DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!!
CLAK CLAK
GO GET MISTY! USE A RESTRAINING SUIT IF YOU HAVE TO.
QUICK! IT'S AN ORDER!

TATATATATA!!
TATATATA!!

KEISUKE!!
TATATA TATATA!!

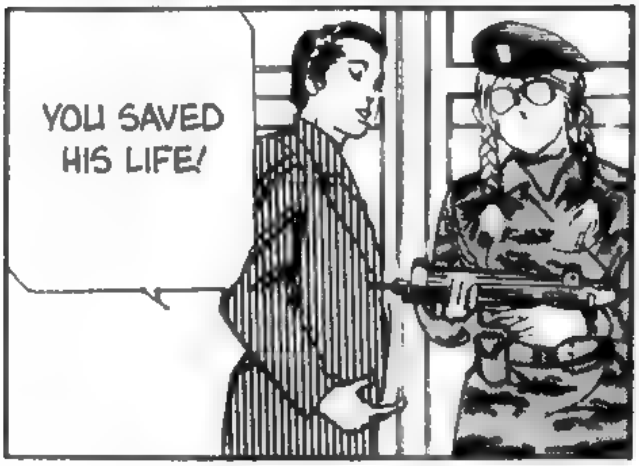
I... I DON'T CARE
ANYMORE!!

CRAASH!

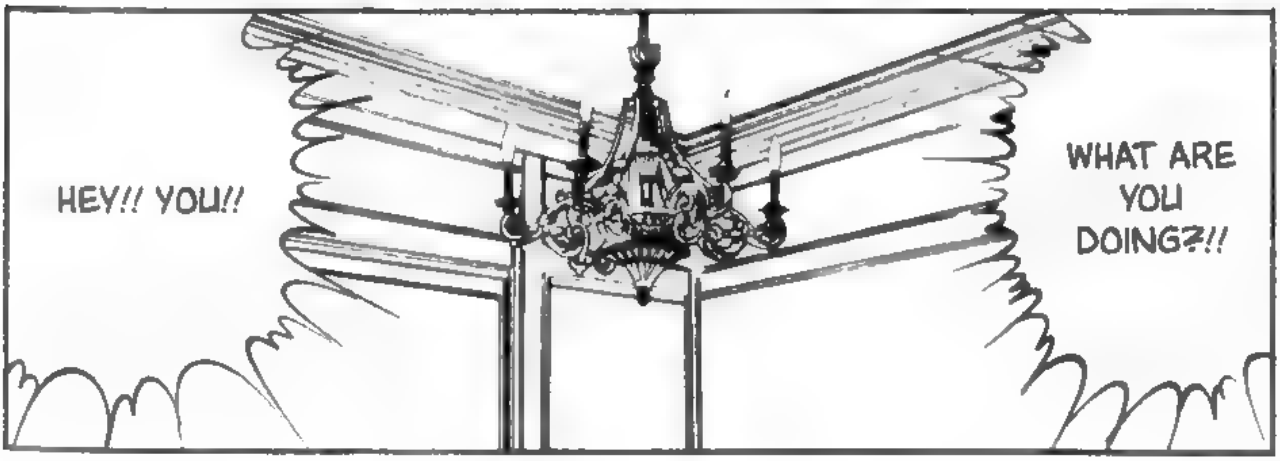
CRACK

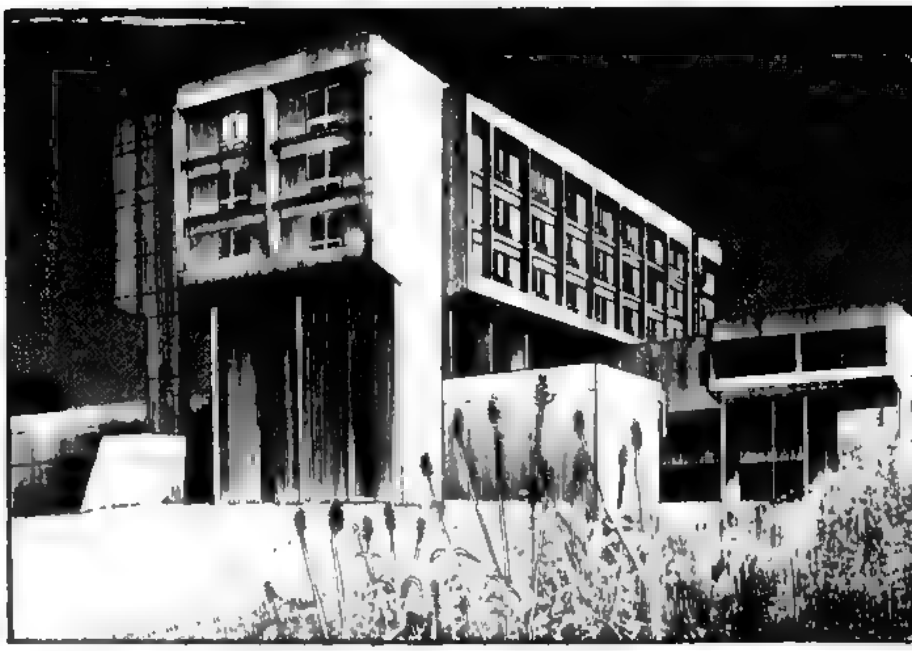
HEY!! MADAM K, PLEASE CALM DOWN.
BOSS WAS RUDE!! HE SHOULDN'T SPEAK TO YOU LIKE THAT!

WHIP


YOU SAVED HIS LIFE!

DASH


HEY!! YOU!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!



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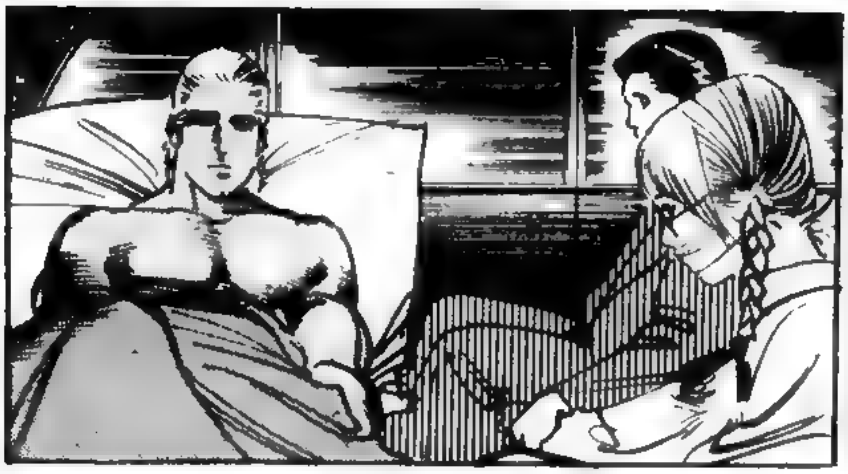
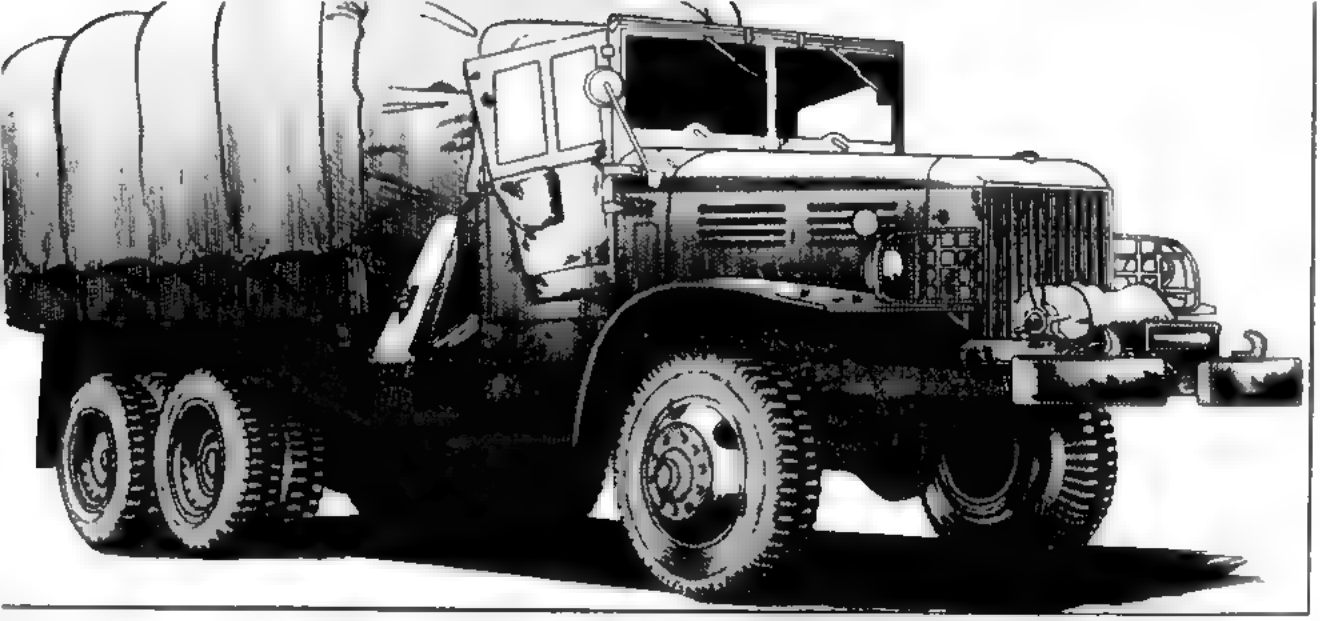
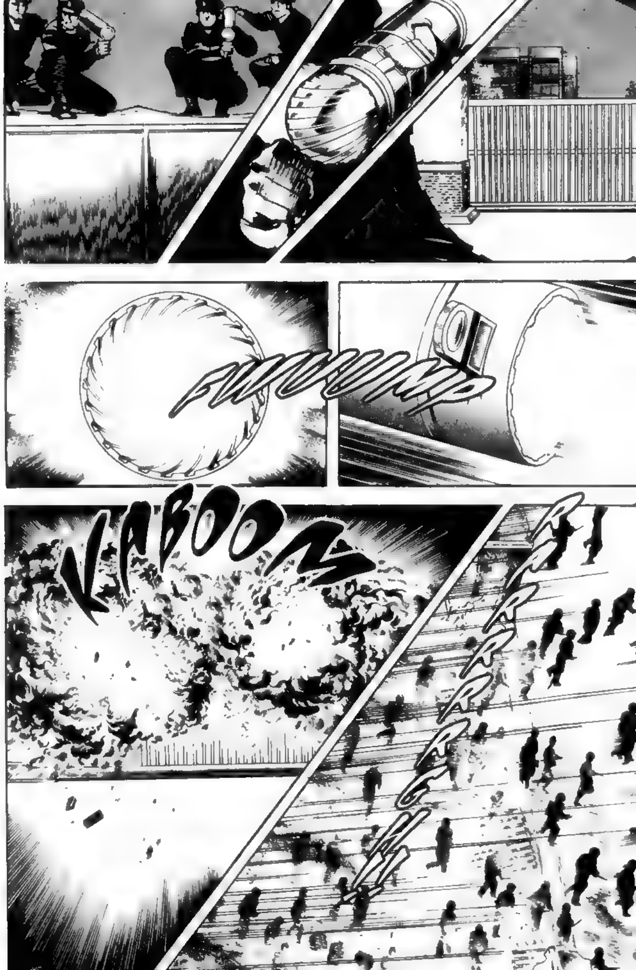


SCREECH

WHAT IS THAT ?!



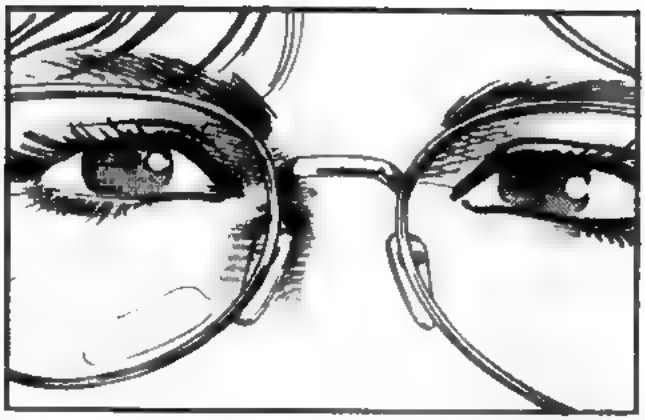

KABOOM

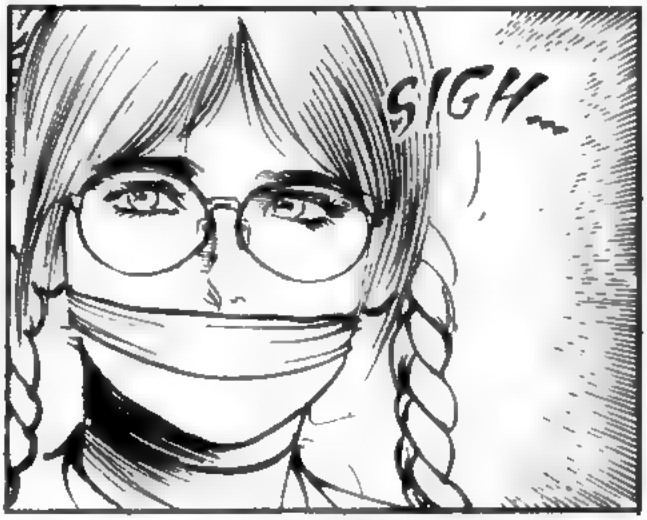
YA-FWOOM
BOOOM
BLAANGG
AWEEEE
BOOOM

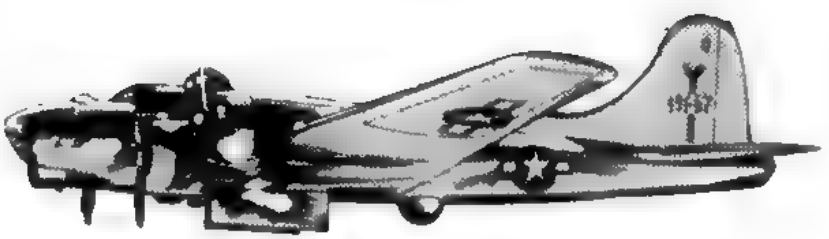
JUST LIKE RICKY AND THE BOYS SAID.

MISTY, I DON'T WANT YOU TO FIGHT WITH THEM.
I DON'T WANT YOU GETTING HURT, NOT EVEN A PRICK FROM THE THORN ON A ROSE.

THAT'S MY TRUE WISH.




SIGH...



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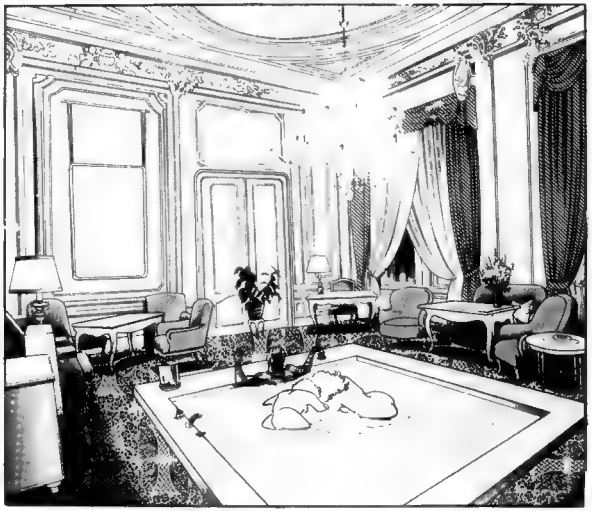
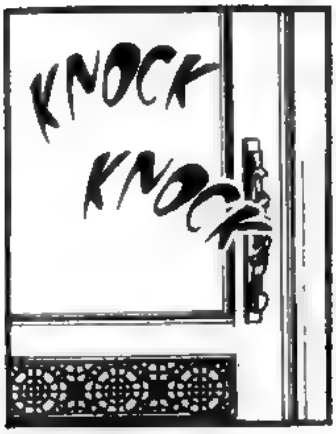
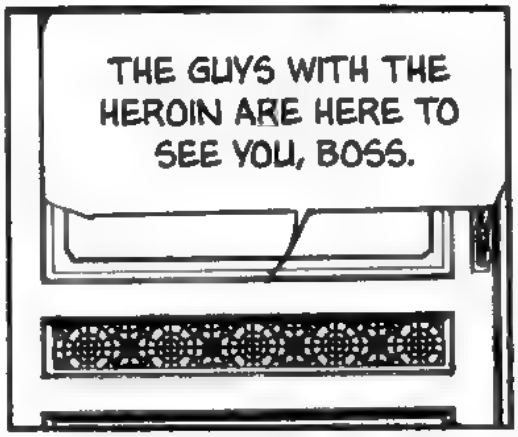


MMM...
MMM
MMM
HM
HMMM

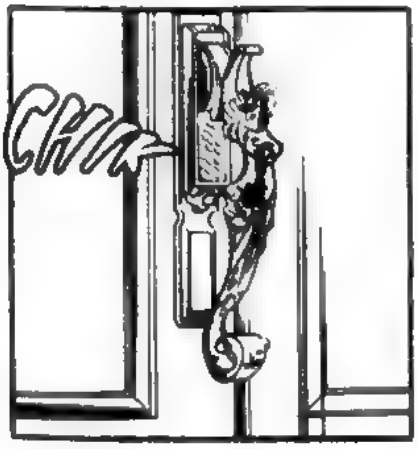
AHH...

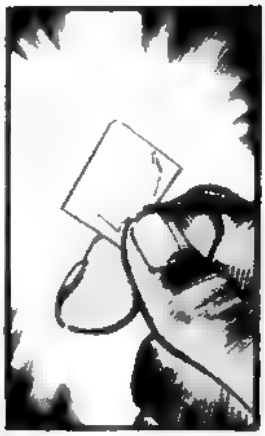

KNOCK
KNOCK

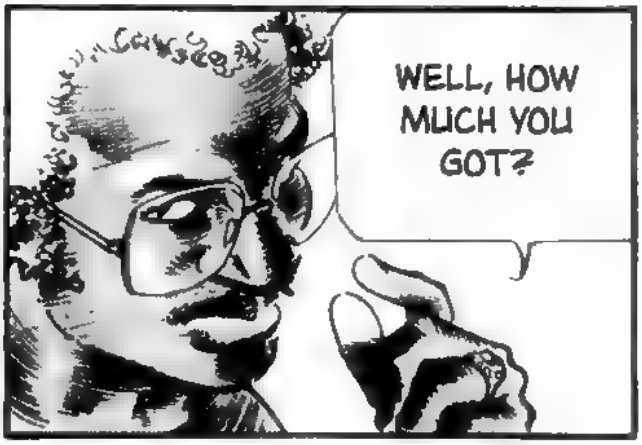
WHO IS IT?!

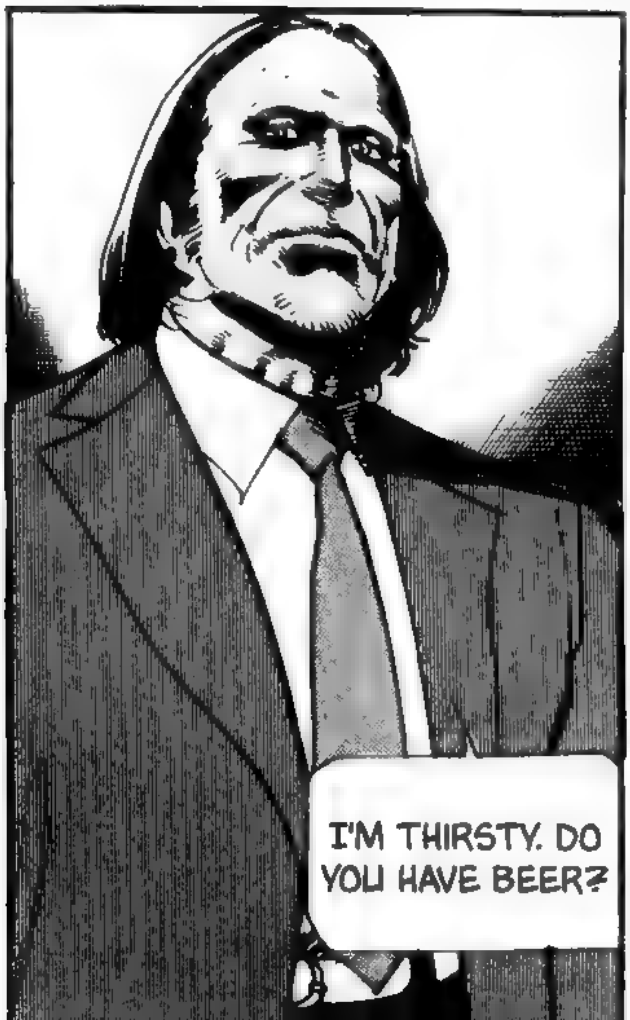

THE GUYS WITH THE HEROIN ARE HERE TO SEE YOU, BOSS.

COME IN!!


CHK




WELL, HOW MUCH YOU GOT?


I'M THIRSTY. DO YOU HAVE BEER?

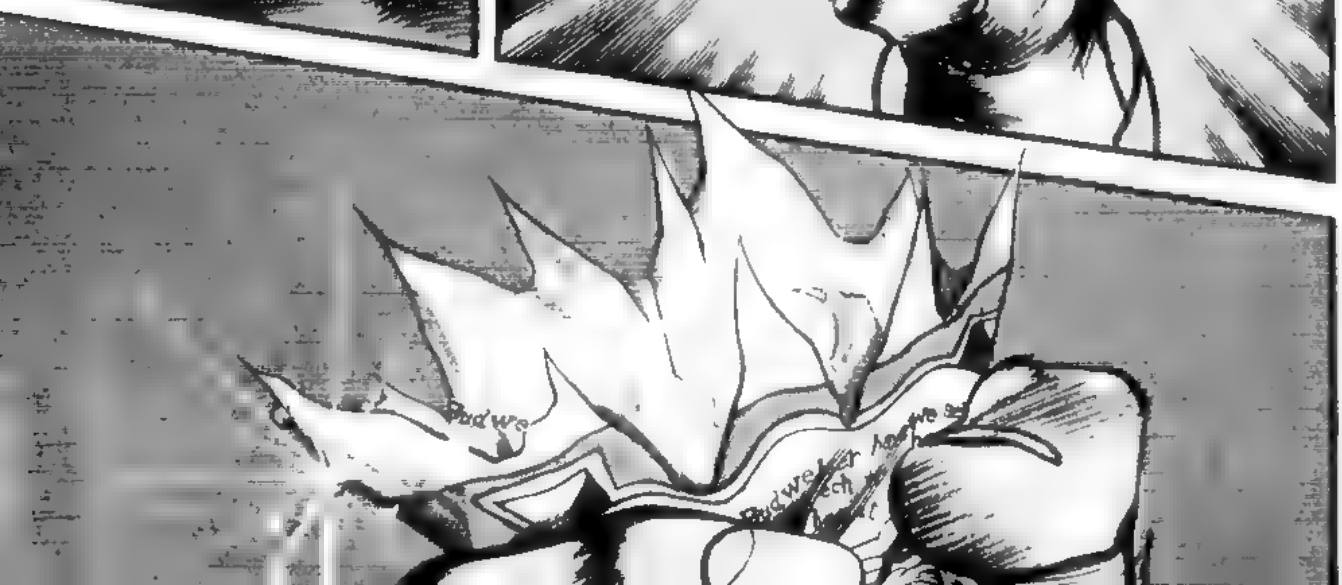
HOW ABOUT HIS BODY SEARCH?

ALREADY DONE!!

GET HIM A BEER!!

PSSH

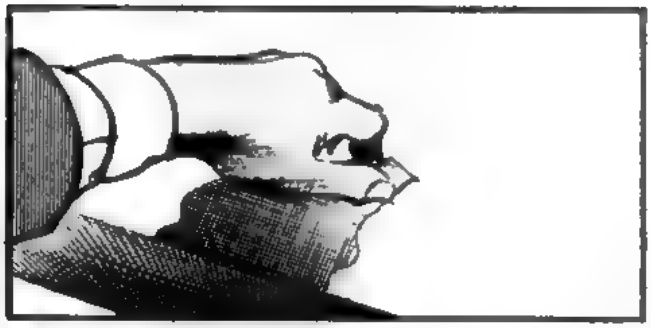
CRUNCH!



GRRRR
SLIIICE

THUDD
SMASH

THUM



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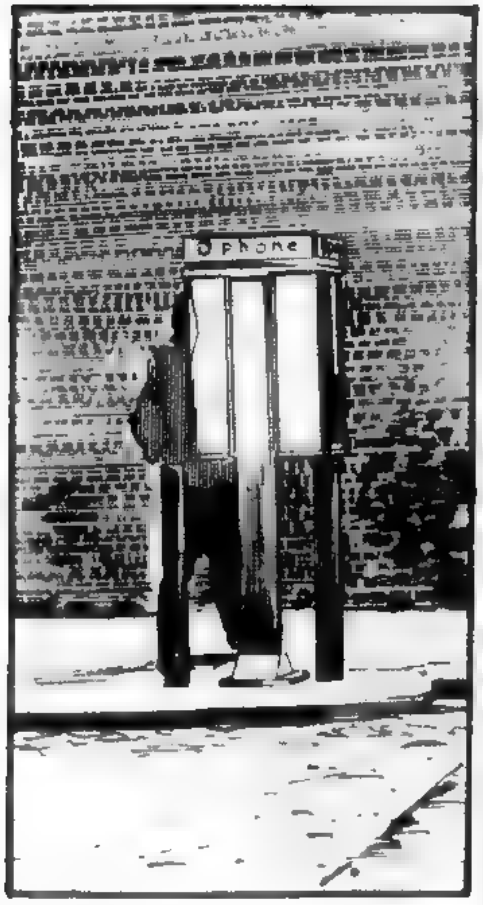
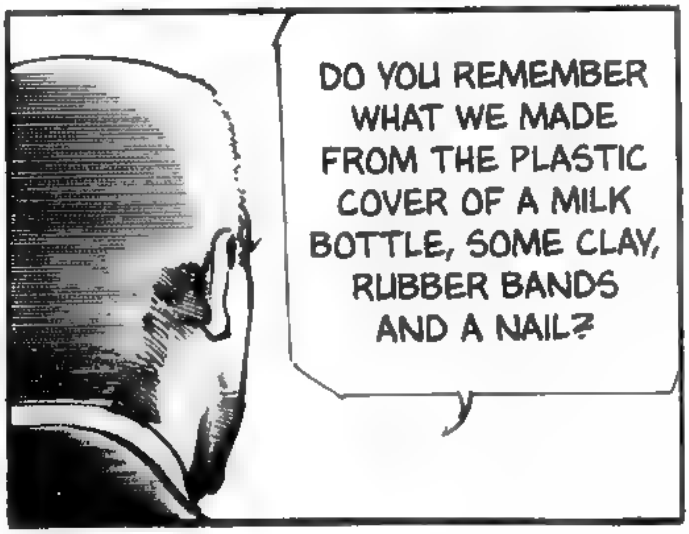
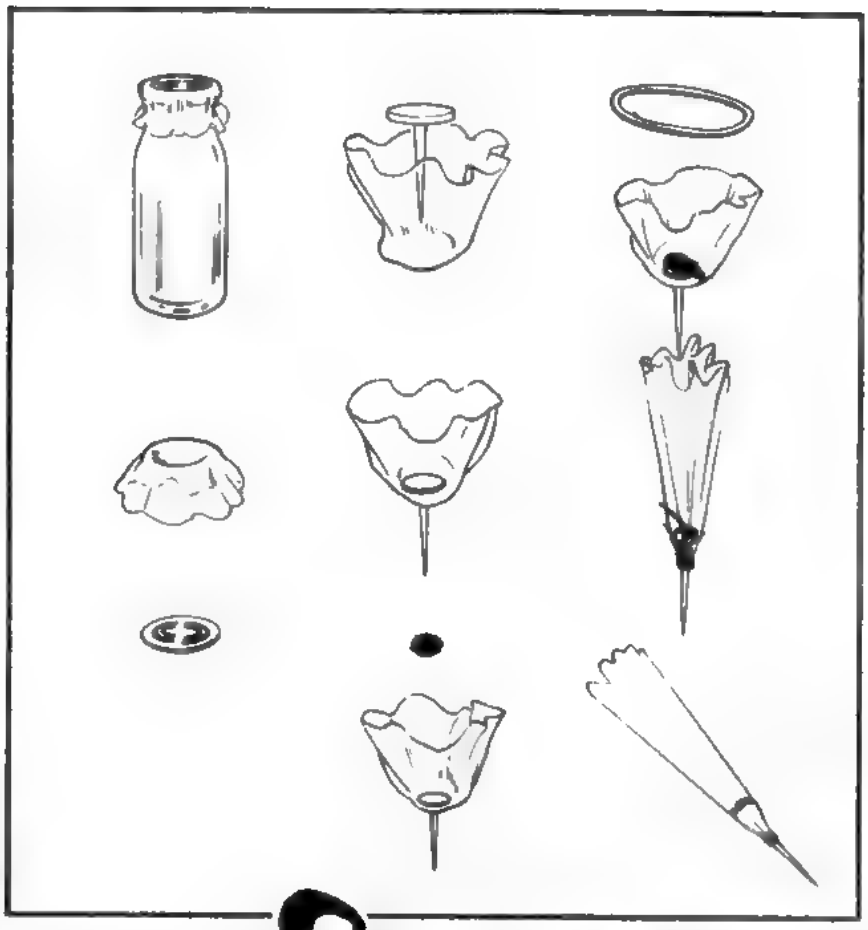

phone

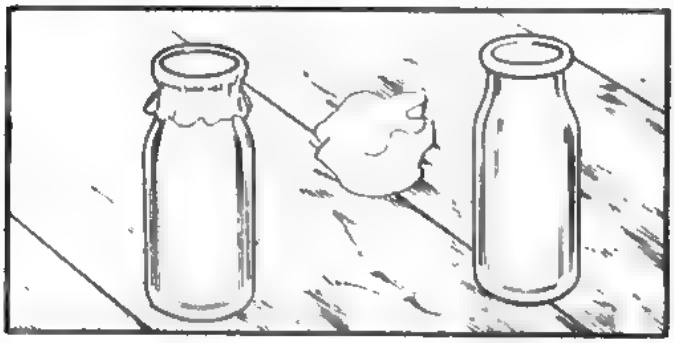
SIR, ALL FINISHED.

IT'S TIME FOR OUR NEXT JOB. GET BACK HERE!

YES, SIR.


DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT WE MADE FROM THE PLASTIC COVER OF A MILK BOTTLE, SOME CLAY, RUBBER BANDS AND A NAIL?





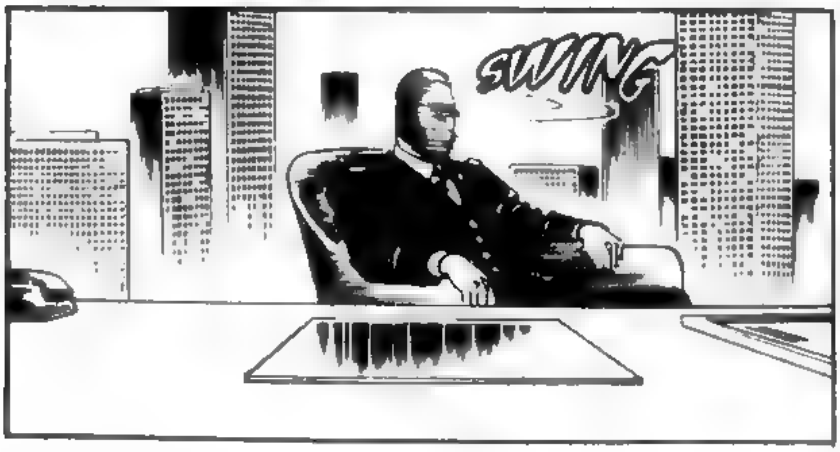
SHUNK

SHEEOO
SHEEOO
TSH
EGHHH
WHAM

WE'VE OVERCOME MANY DIFFICULTIES. WE EVEN ESCAPED FROM THE VIETCONG.

AS GREEN BERETS, WE WERE MACHINES THAT PLEDGED LOYALTY TO OUR COUNTRY.

BUT NOW WE LIVE FOR OUR OWN PRIDE, INSTEAD OF OUR COUNTRY.



WE SENT A SQUAD TO ATTACK THEM. BUT DISREGARDING MISTY, WE DIDN'T EVEN SCRATCH THEM!

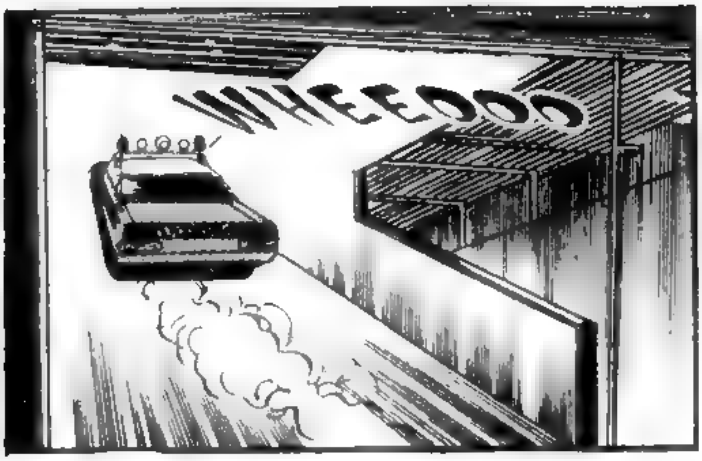
LET'S GET 'EM, INDIAN JOE.

LIKE OLD TIMES, GENERAL WHITE!!

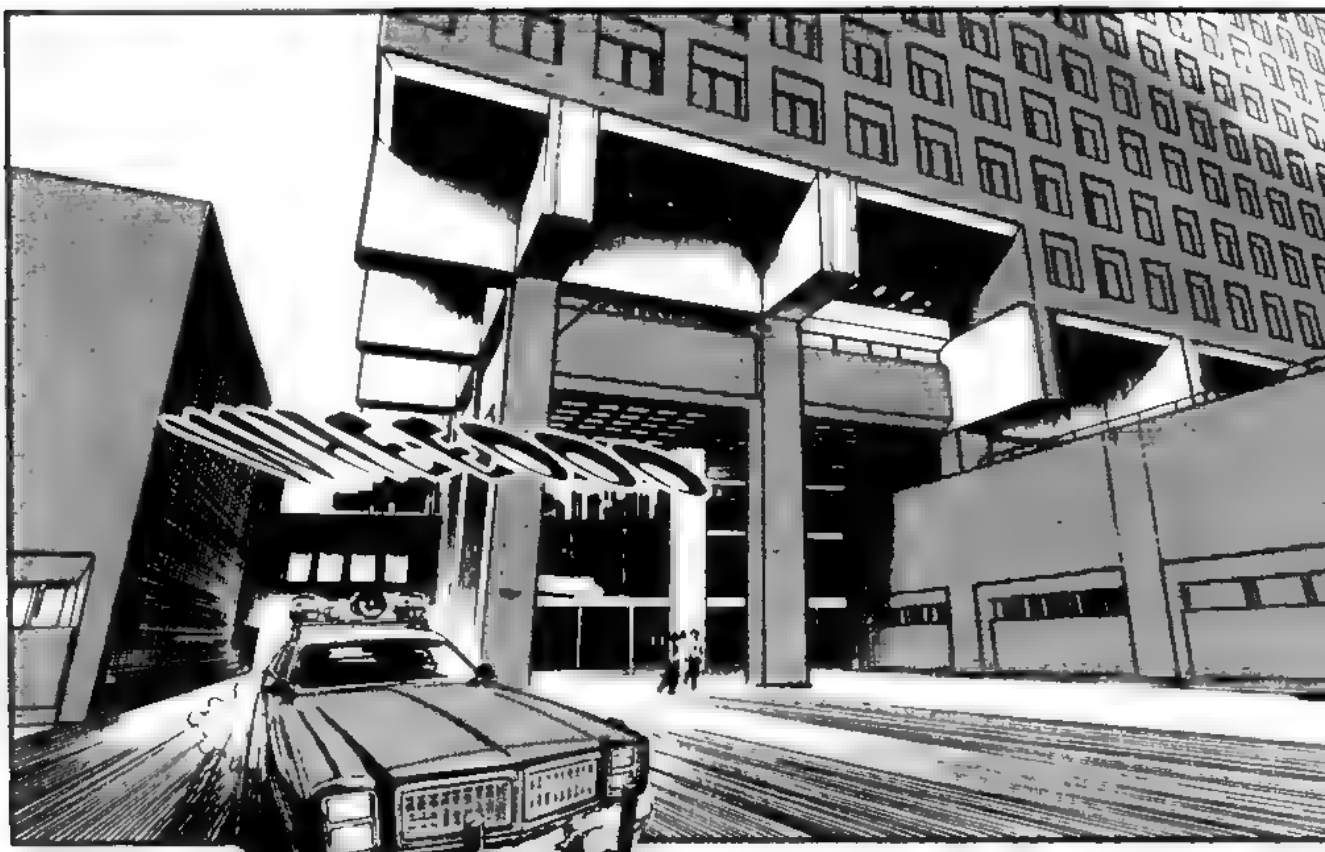
GREAT!

DING

POLICE


WHEEDOO

POLICE HEADQUARTERS



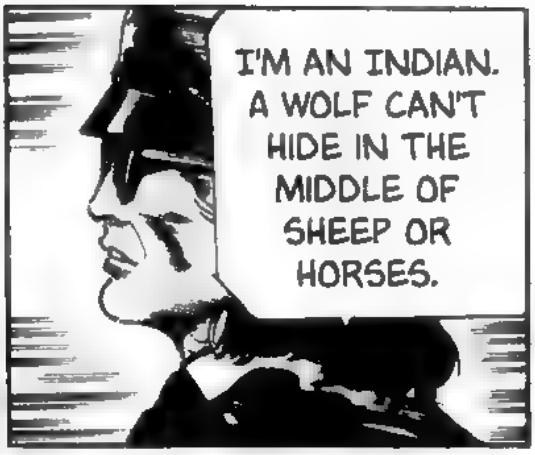
PULL OVER!! WHO ARE YOU?!
YOUR LICENSE PLATES AREN'T REGISTERED!

AH... CHIEF OF THE CITY POLICE BUREAU!!

A MAN CALLED KIJIMA IS PREPARING A YACHT. THEY PLAN TO SET SAIL!!
BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

HEH

JOE, IF IT WERE YOU, WHERE WOULD YOU HIDE?!


I'M AN INDIAN. A WOLF CAN'T HIDE IN THE MIDDLE OF SHEEP OR HORSES.

WHITE HAIRED DEMON IS ASIAN!!
CHINA-TOWN?

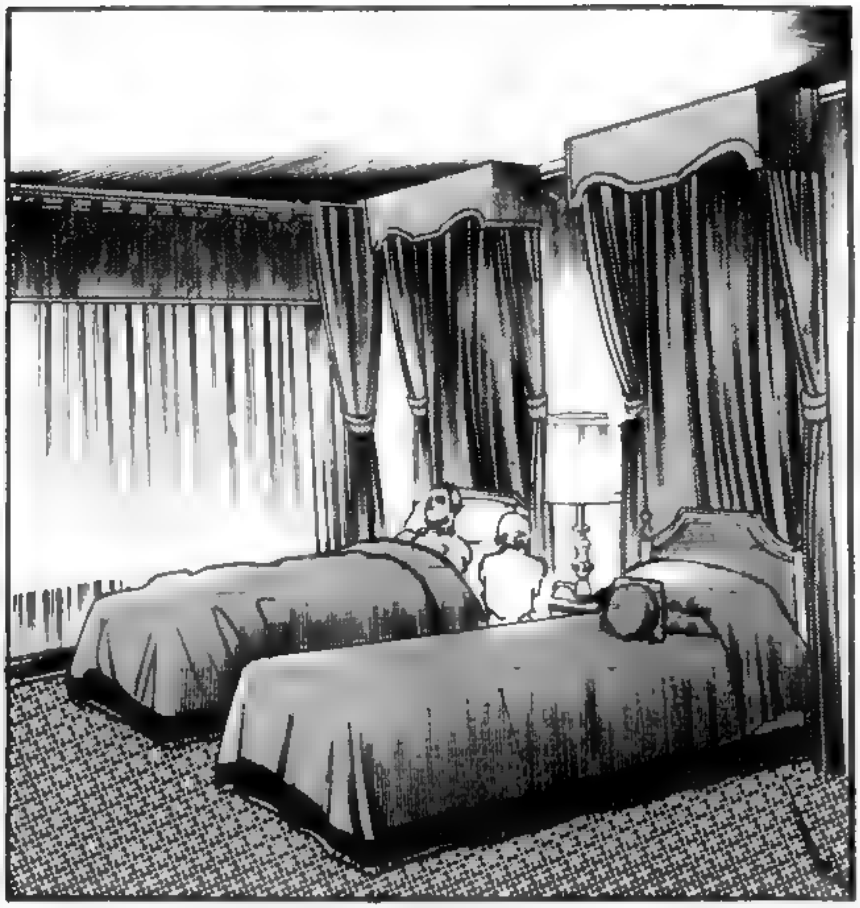
HE'S GOT MISTY AND HIS BUDDIES WITH HIM.
RIGHT!

1985
DON'T FORGET HE'S MAFIA!!

LITTLE ITALY!!

RIGHT!!

SCREECH
POLICE



WE ARE HIDING IN AN ITALIAN RESTAURANT.

THE VETERANS WILL NEVER FIND US HERE!

WE CAN'T BE CARELESS.

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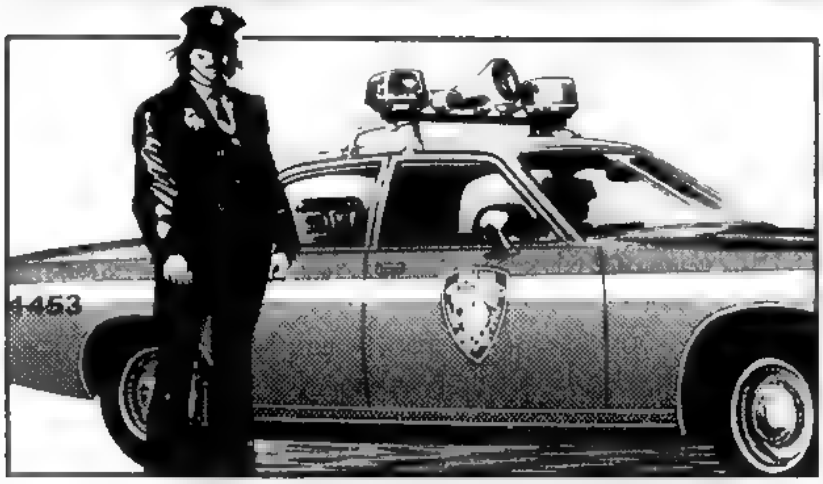
PIZZERIA

HESTER ST
ONE WAY

HESTER
NAPOLI
Cappuccini

THEY SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE. THIS IS LITTLE ITALY.
SHALL WE FIND THEM THE USUAL WAY?
HMM.
WHO'S THE BOSS IN LITTLE ITALY RIGHT NOW?
SCARLESE?
WHERE'S HIS PLACE?
... A NIGHT CLUB, S.P.Q.R., AT 133 AND BROADWAY.
ROGER!
LET'S GO!

S.P.Q.R.



TELL ALL VETERAN MEMBERS TO WEAR CITY POLICE UNIFORMS AND GET DOWN HERE! IT'S AN URGENT SITUATION.
THE GATHERING PLACE IS LITTLE ITALY, 133 AND BROADWAY...

HELLO!! MAY I HELP YOU, OFFICER?!
I WANT TO SEE SCARLESE.

I'VE BEEN RECENTLY ASSIGNED HERE. I WANT TO GET ACQUAINTED.

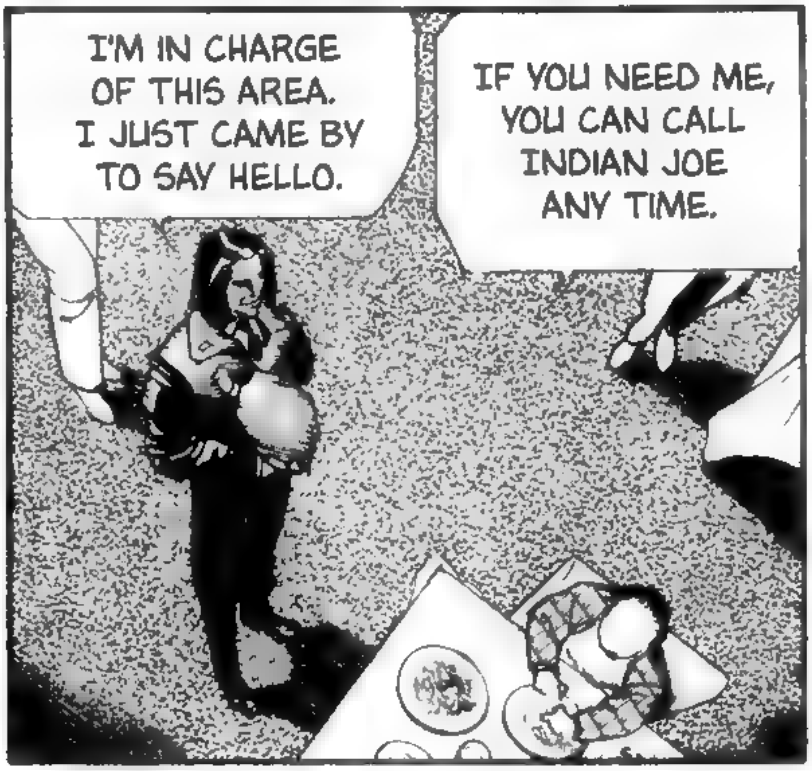
COME ON, THIS WAY.

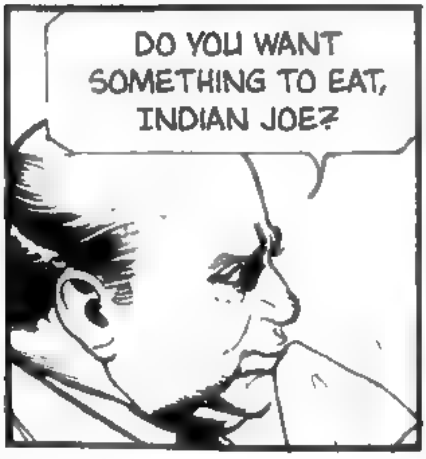
DON NALOIA

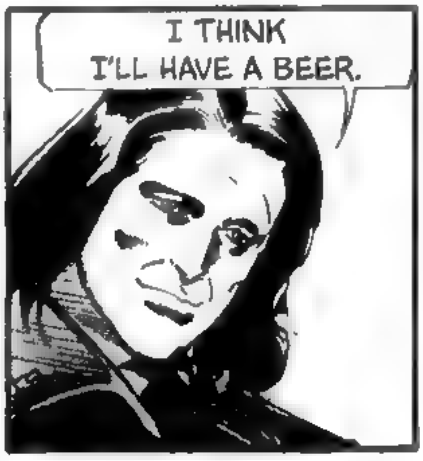
MUNCH
MUNCH

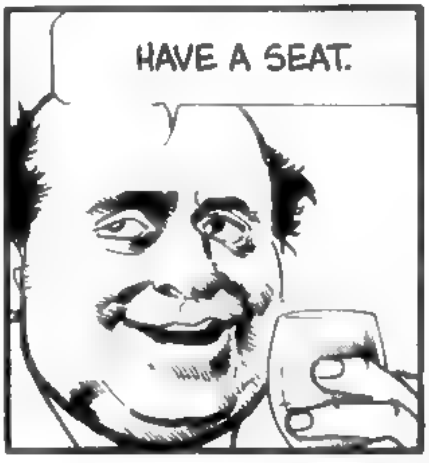
SHLURP
SHLURP

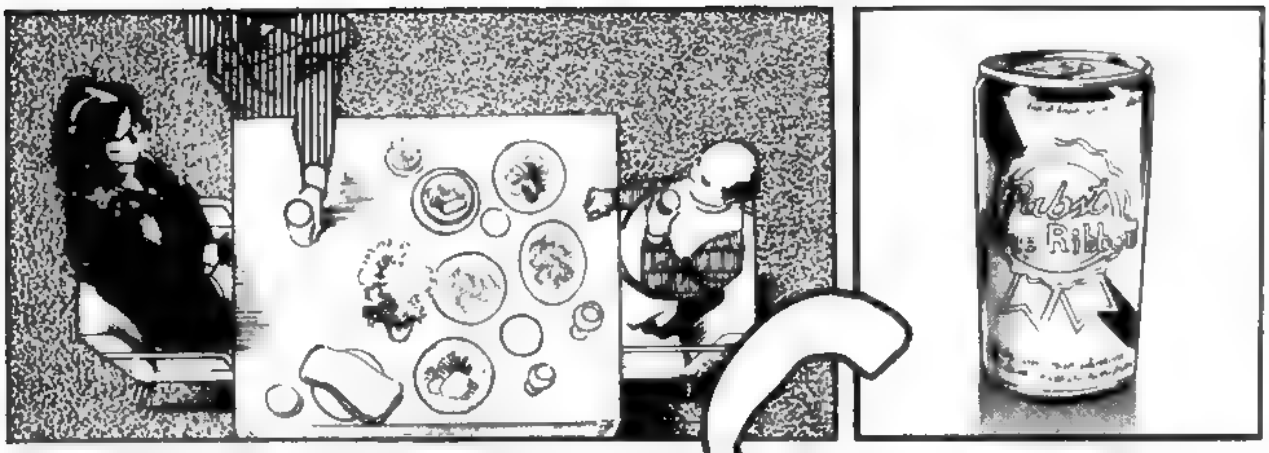
HMMM


I'M IN CHARGE OF THIS AREA. I JUST CAME BY TO SAY HELLO.
IF YOU NEED ME, YOU CAN CALL INDIAN JOE ANY TIME.


DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT, INDIAN JOE?


I THINK I'LL HAVE A BEER.


HAVE A SEAT.

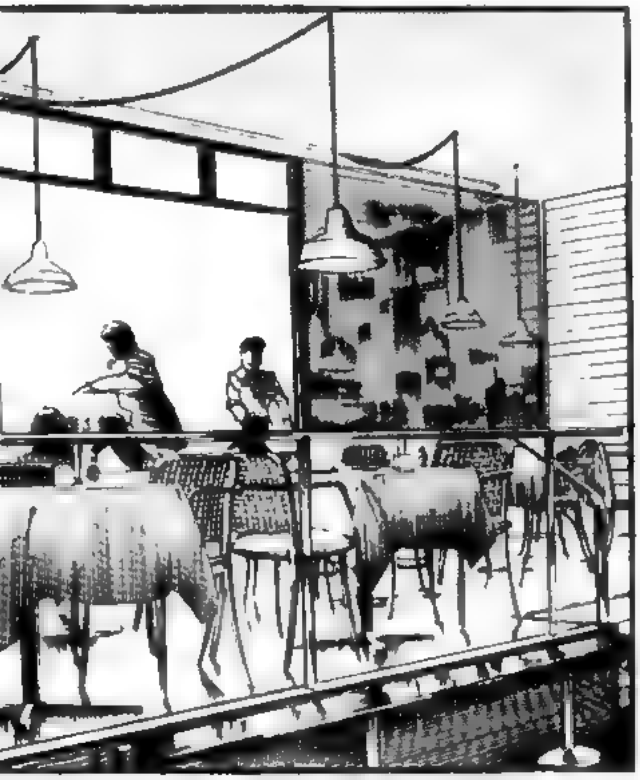

Pabst
Ribbon

CRUNCH
SPLASH

WOW

SLAAASH

SWIPE
WHAM
CRUNCH



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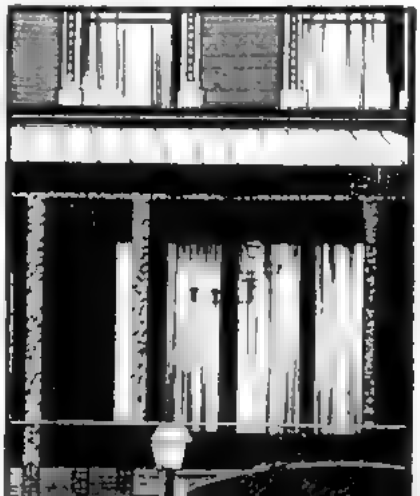
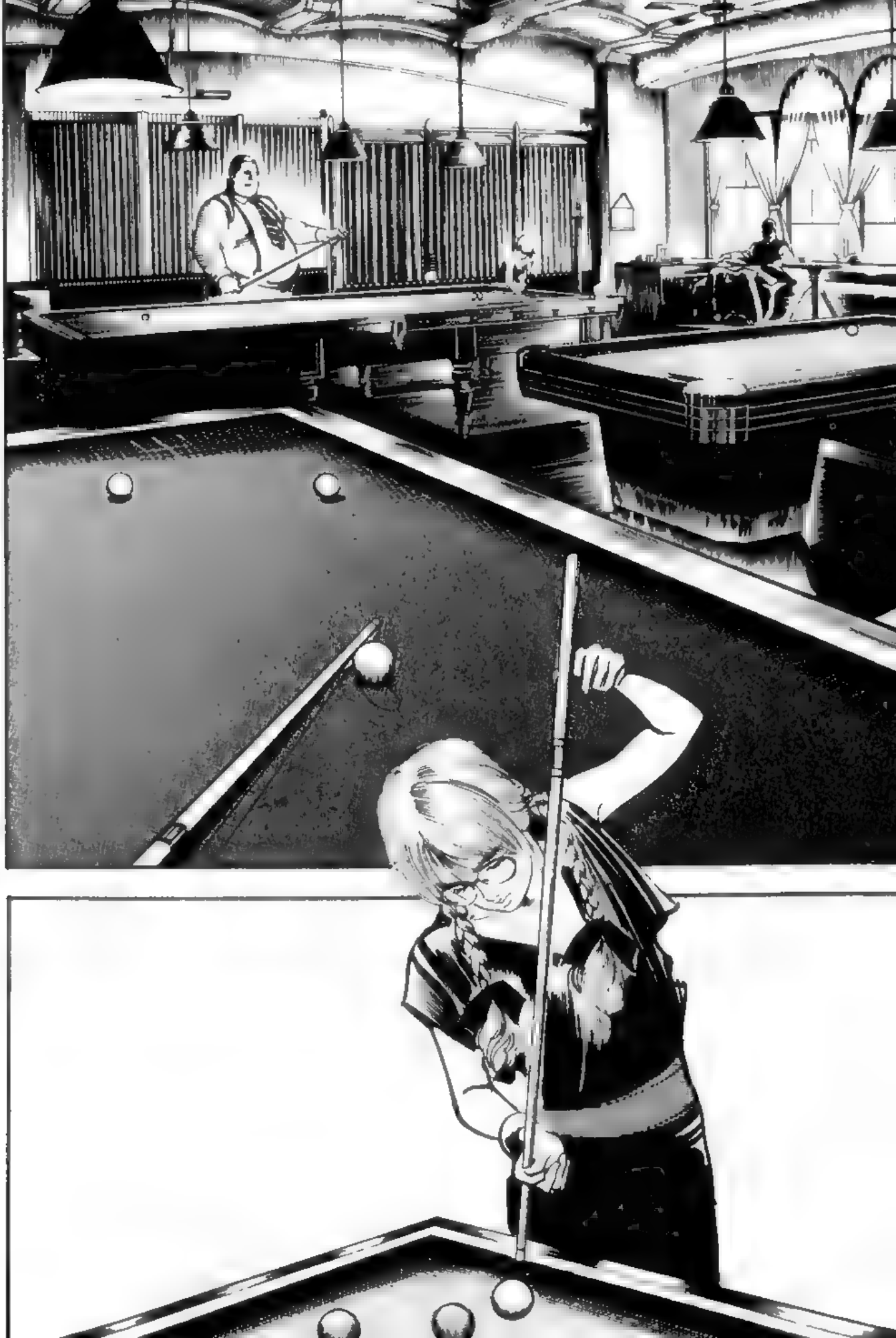
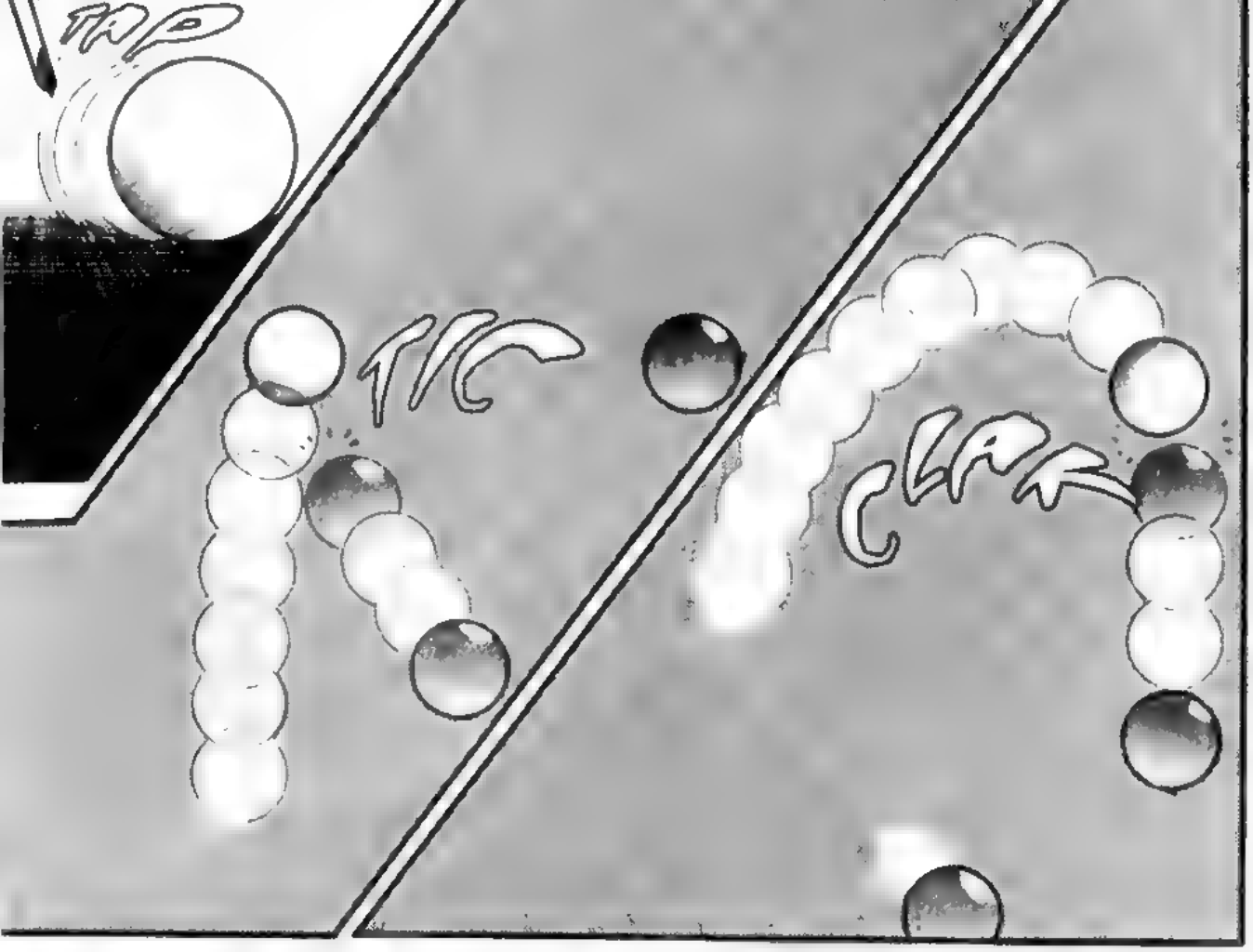




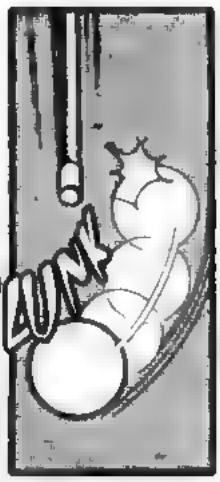

TAP
TIC
CLAP

AMAZING!!

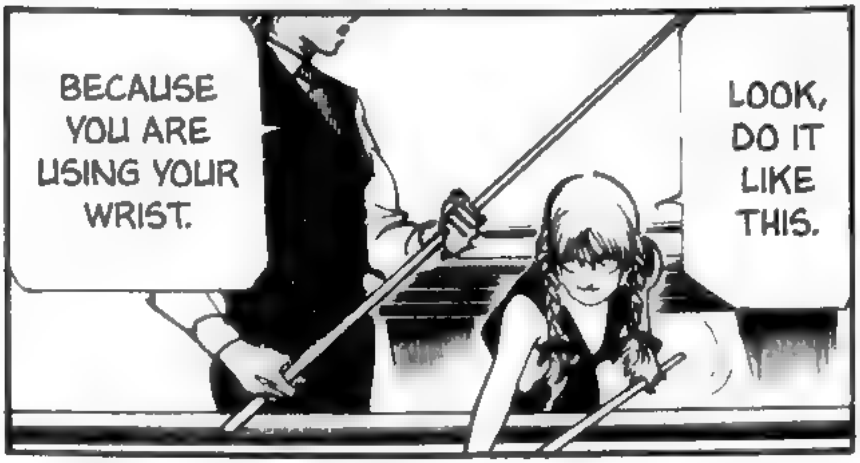
TAP
I CAN'T BEAT YOU. I GIVE UP!!

WANT TO PLAY, KEI-SUKE?
I'VE NEVER PLAYED BEFORE.

I'LL TEACH YOU.


FLUNK

YOU SEE?!


BECAUSE YOU ARE USING YOUR WRIST.
LOOK, DO IT LIKE THIS.

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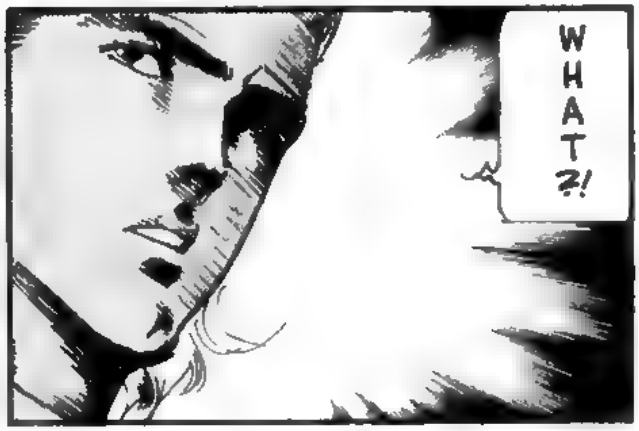
SHUNK

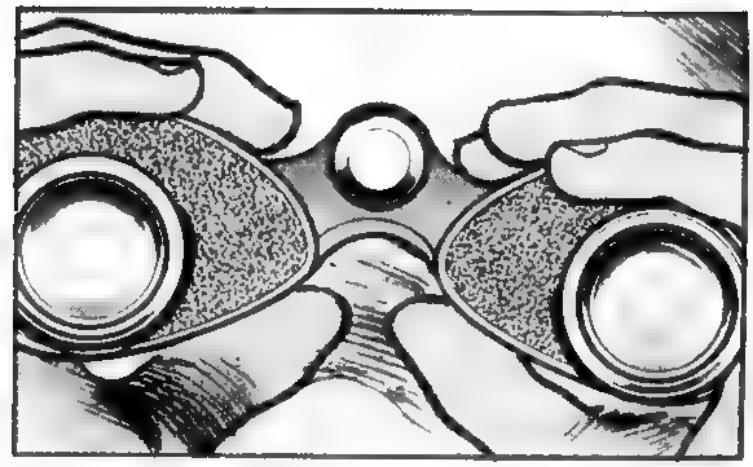
SCARLESE HAS BEEN KILLED!!


WHAT?!

FWOOM

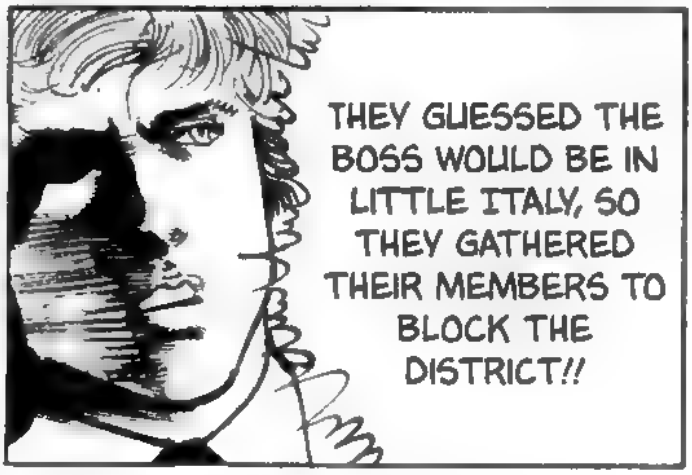
IT'S NASTY!! THERE ARE ABOUT 200 POLICEMEN!!
SINCE SCARLESE IS DEAD, THEY'RE GOING TO MOVE IN.

BINOC-ULARS!!



THEY'RE OLD FOR POLICE-MEN!

IT'S THE VETERANS!!


THEY GUESSED THE BOSS WOULD BE IN LITTLE ITALY, SO THEY GATHERED THEIR MEMBERS TO BLOCK THE DISTRICT!!

THEY KILLED SCARLESE AS AN EXCUSE TO GET IN HERE!!

IT SHOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS! ONLY WORKING POLICE OFFICERS CAN DO THIS!!

IS THIS CITY POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS? SIMPSON OF CRIMINAL DEPARTMENT, PLEASE!!

IT'S NICK. LONG TIME NO SEE. SIMPSON, I'M IN LITTLE ITALY RIGHT NOW. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
POLICE ARE CORDONING OFF THE AREA BECAUSE OF SCARLESE'S DEATH. BUT THEY'RE ALL RETIREES.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?! YOU MEAN, ON THE CHIEF'S ORDERS, ALL THE POLICE HAVE PULLED BACK? THERE SHOULD BE NO POLICE?!
?!
?!
HOW COULD THAT BE?!

THEY'RE INVOLVED! THEY MIGHT BE TRACING US!!

KLANG

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THOSE GUYS FIND US.

SOME POLICE FORCE ...

YEAH, SERVING AND PROTECTING WHO?

WE CAN CALL THE HELICOPTER AND ESCAPE.

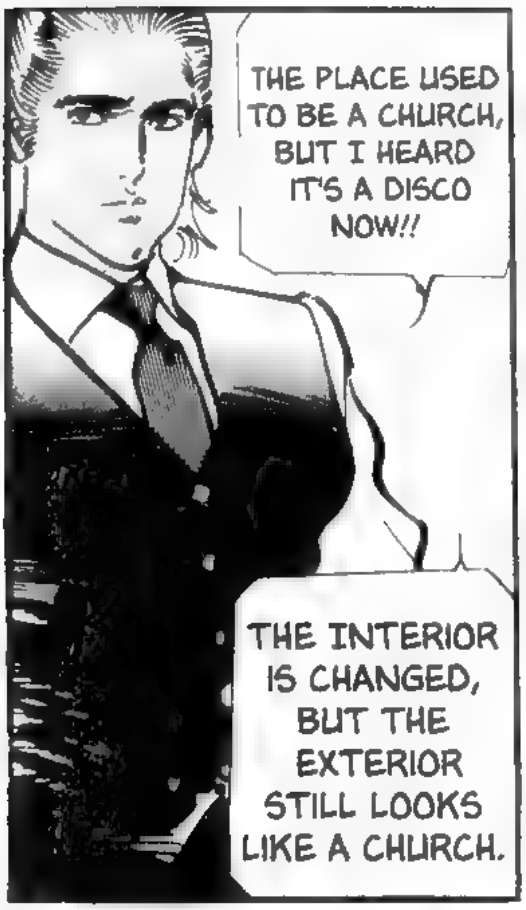
HELICOPTERS ARE EASILY HIT TARGETS.

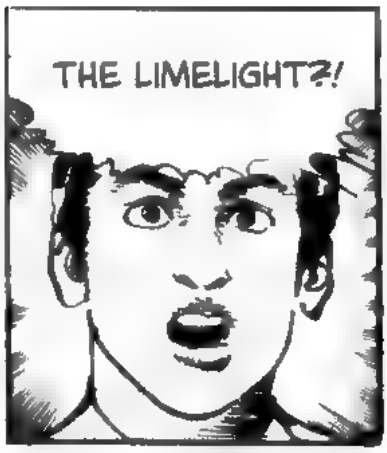
WE'LL CALL IT TO A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN'T ATTACK US.

WHERE IS THAT?!

CHURCH.

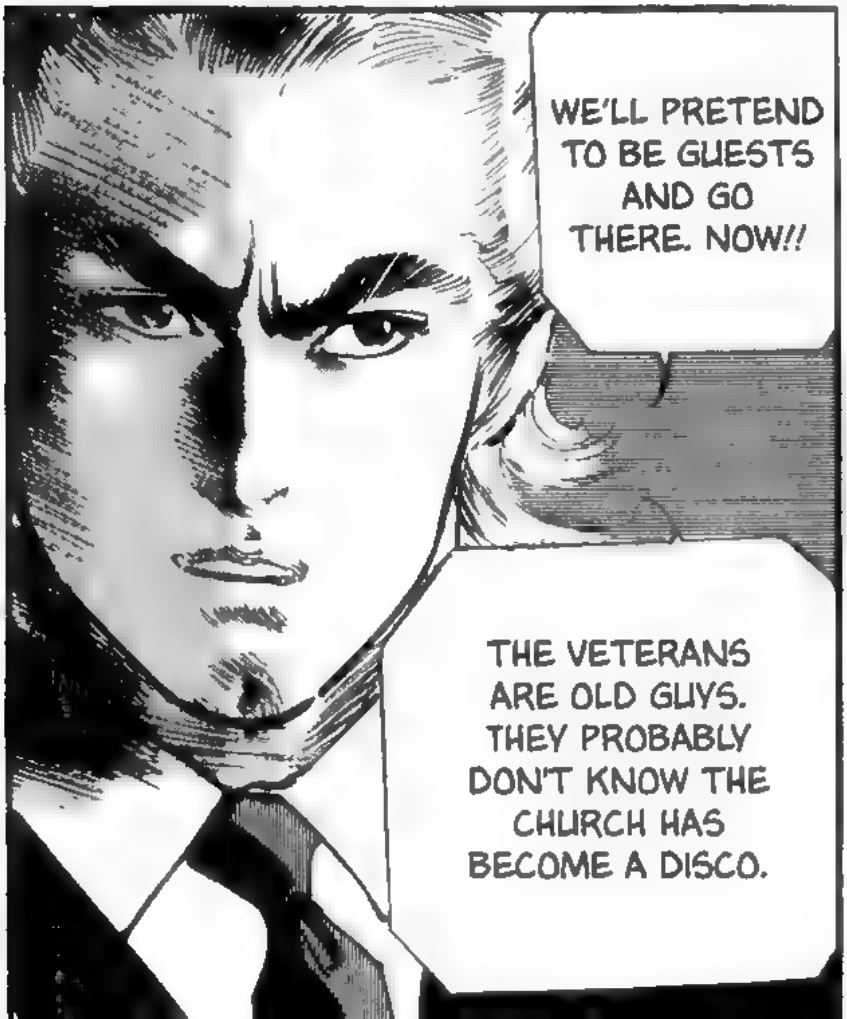
IF THEY ATTACK US, IT'D BE TERRIBLE.

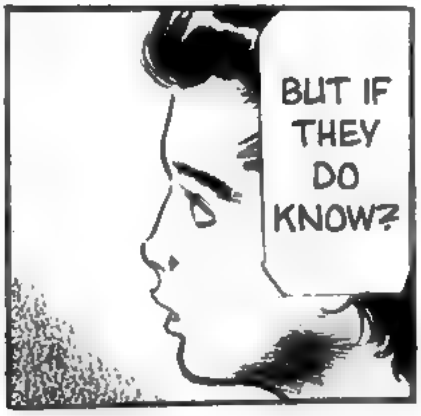

THE PLACE USED TO BE A CHURCH, BUT I HEARD IT'S A DISCO NOW!!
THE INTERIOR IS CHANGED, BUT THE EXTERIOR STILL LOOKS LIKE A CHURCH.


THE LIMELIGHT?!

YOU DO KNOW A LOT, BOSS.

MISTY TOLD ME ABOUT IT. SHE INVITED ME TO GO, AFTER I GET WELL.


WE'LL PRETEND TO BE GUESTS AND GO THERE. NOW!!
THE VETERANS ARE OLD GUYS. THEY PROBABLY DON'T KNOW THE CHURCH HAS BECOME A DISCO.


BUT IF THEY DO KNOW?

WE CAN ONLY PRAY THAT THEY DON'T.

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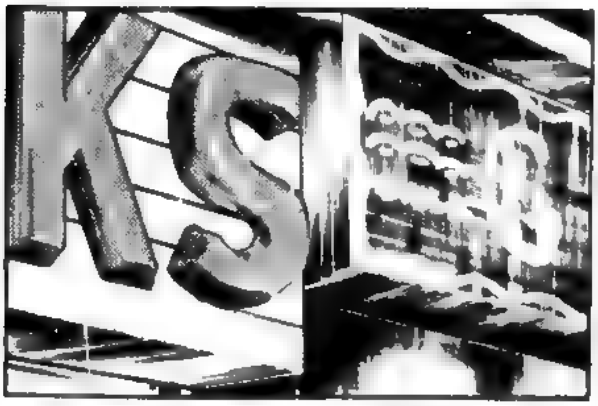
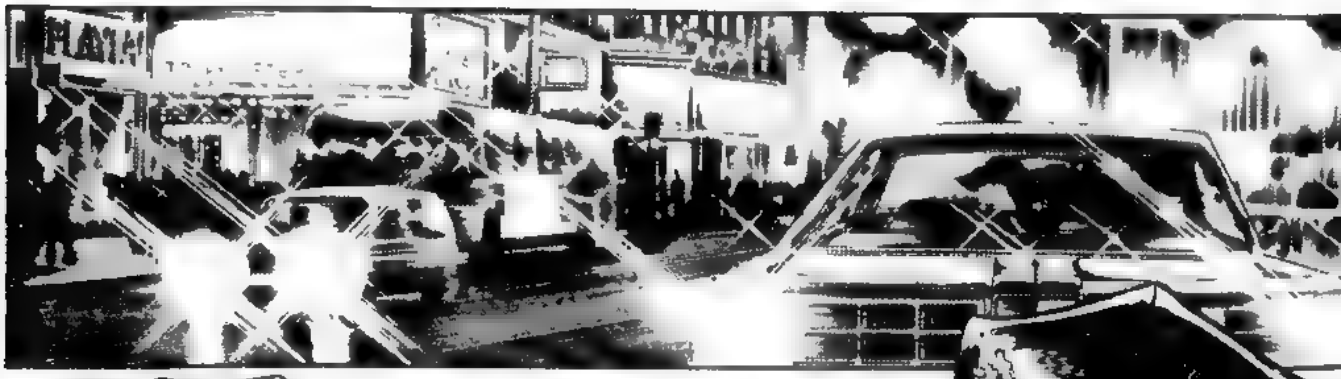


BEER
GRANT'S



CAPPOCCINI
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CHOMP
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CLANG
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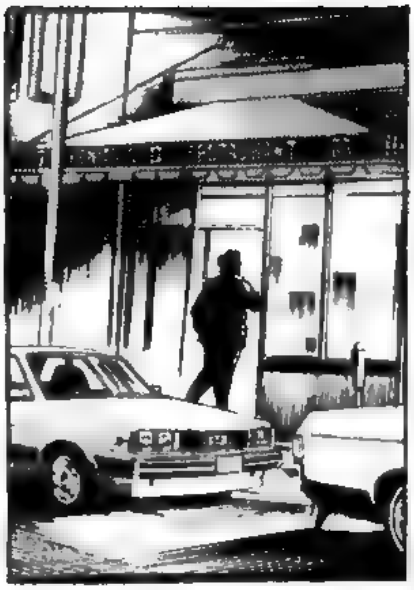
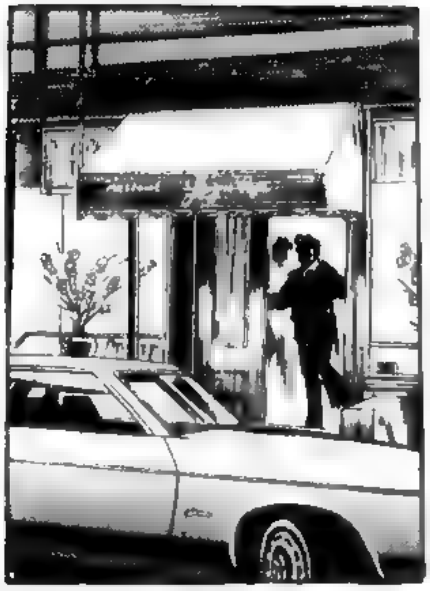
CLAPH

HEY, CLARK!! WHAT A WONDERFUL NIGHT.

IT'S SURELY NOT A BORING NIGHT. BUT IT'S A PITY THERE'S NO VIETCONG TO FIGHT.

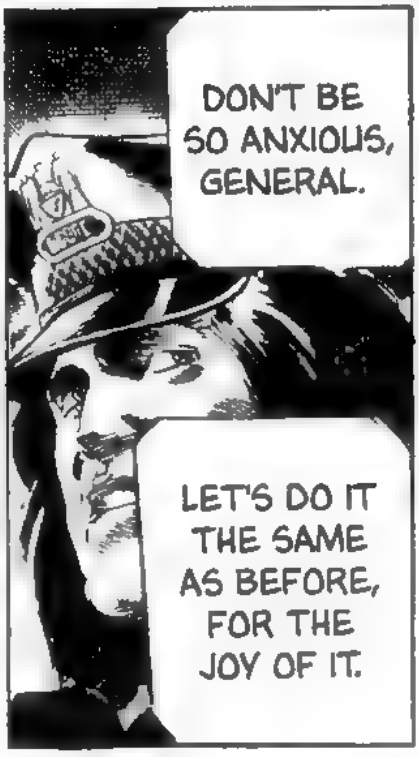
CAPPOCCINI

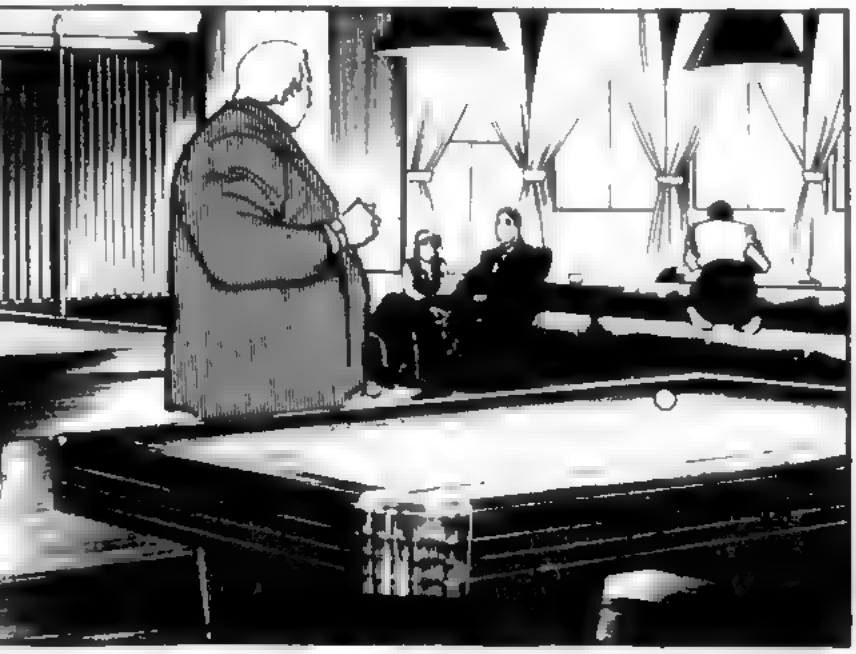




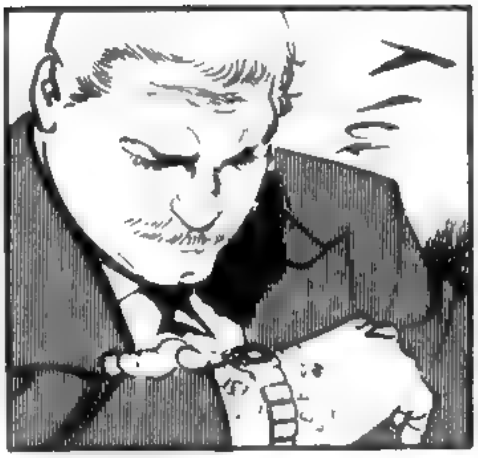
EVERYBODY IS AS ENERGETIC AND DEVOTED AS EVER. HAHAHA!

WE STILL DON'T HAVE A CLUE, DO WE?!


DON'T BE SO ANXIOUS, GENERAL.
LET'S DO IT THE SAME AS BEFORE, FOR THE JOY OF IT.



DAMN! THEY'RE COMING !!



CHRONO QUARTZ
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OMEGA

15 SECONDS LEFT!!

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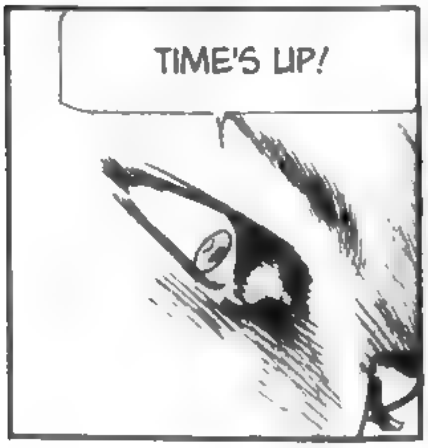

TIME'S UP!

BOOM

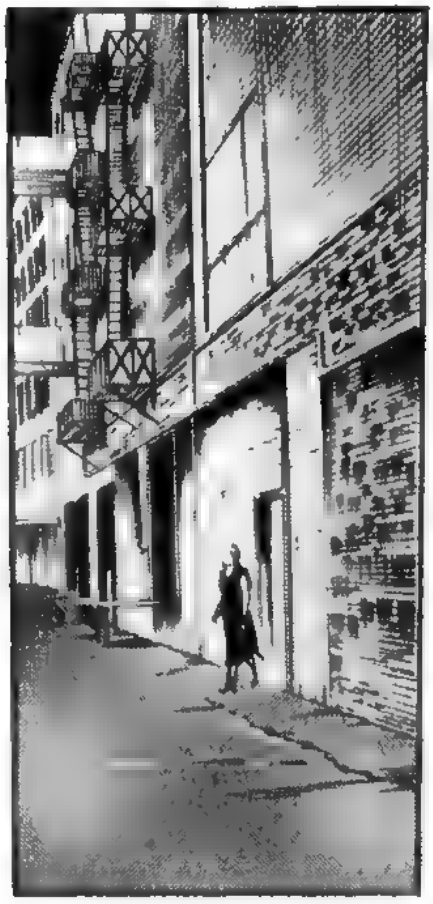
POLICE

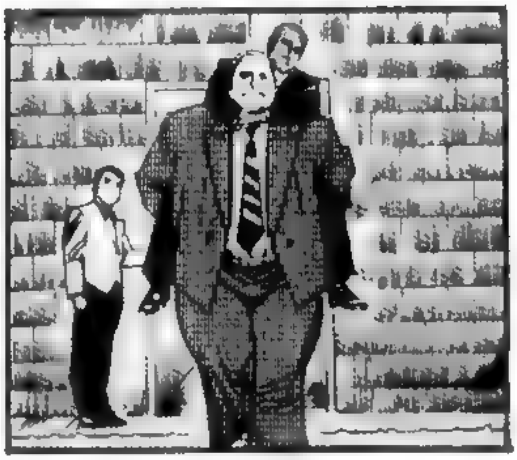
GREAT!!

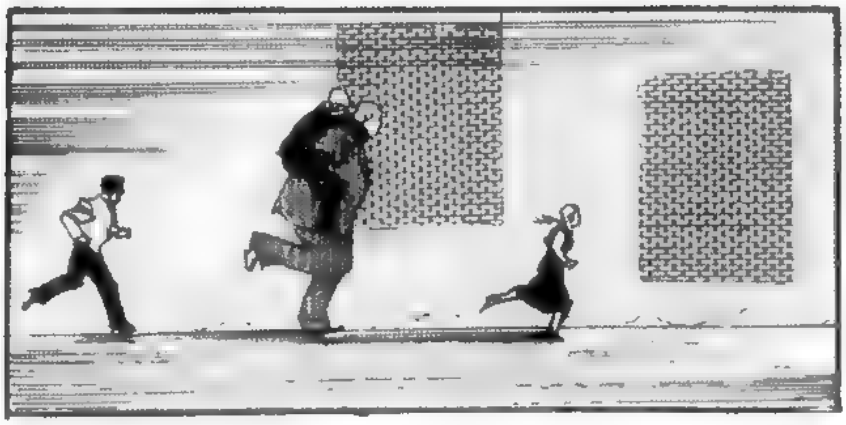
WE MADE IT! NOW IS THE TIME!!

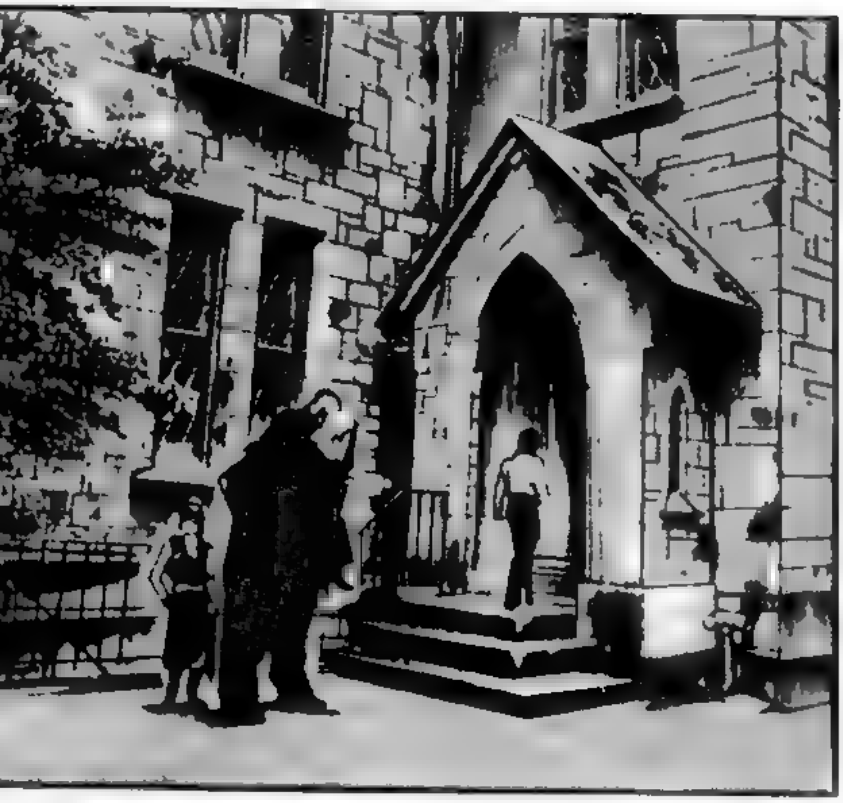
THE VETERANS ARE ALL GOING THAT WAY!

OK! NOW RUN TO THE LIMELIGHT!!









CHIR

WET

WUSHH

ARE YOU ALONE?!
UH HUH.
WET

HOW LONG IS YOUR WORK GOING TO TAKE?

THE WHOLE MONTH.

OK!!

TAPE YOUR MOUTH SHUT WITH THIS.
WET
ET
IS THIS PLACE GREAT OR WHAT?!
NOT A BAD PLACE TO WAIT UNTIL OUR HELICOPTERS GET HERE!!
BUT ONCE THEY GET HERE, THIS CHURCH COULD TURN INTO A CEMETERY!!
AMEN!
STOP IT!!
EXIT

WHEN WILL THE HELI-COPTERS ARRIVE?
SHOULD BE ABOUT 2 HOURS.

IT'S NO GOOD. THEY'LL BREAK IN BY THEN.

FIND THE "TWO-DOLLAR BILLS!"

STU

FIND THEM!!

"TWO-DOLLAR BILLS"... THE DEUCE... SYMBOLS OF THE DEVIL!!
THEY'RE KEPT IN THIS CHURCH, A PLACE GAMBLERS HATE MOST. THEY'RE IN HERE SOMEWHERE...

THEY'RE IN THIS DISTRICT.
UM.

THEY BLEW UP AN EMPTY PATROL CAR TO CAUSE A DIVERSION, AND THEN HID OUT SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.
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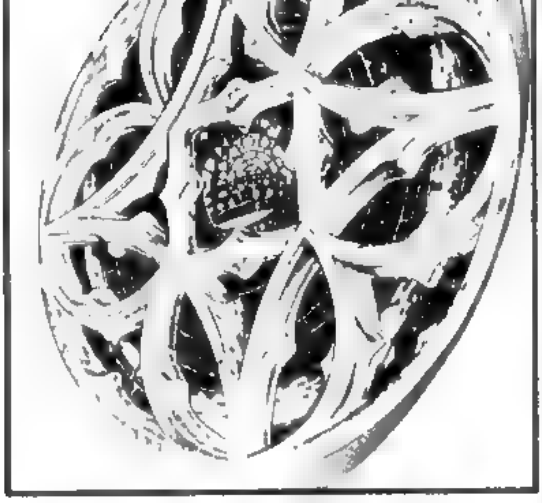
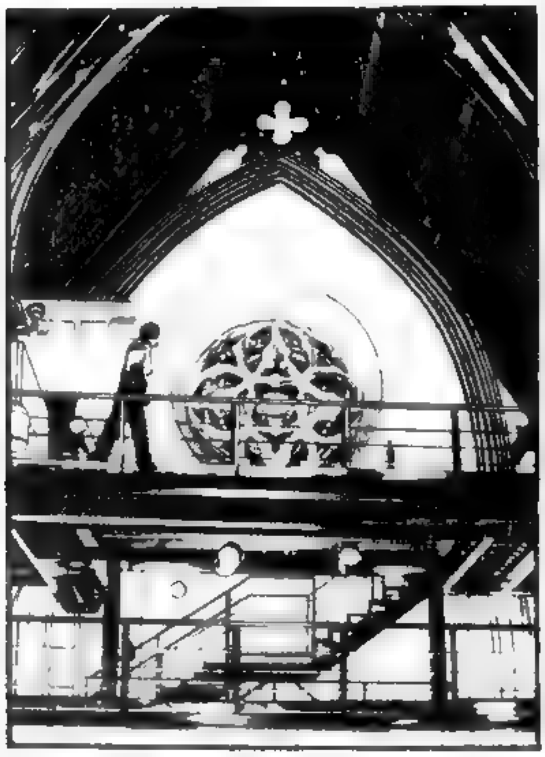
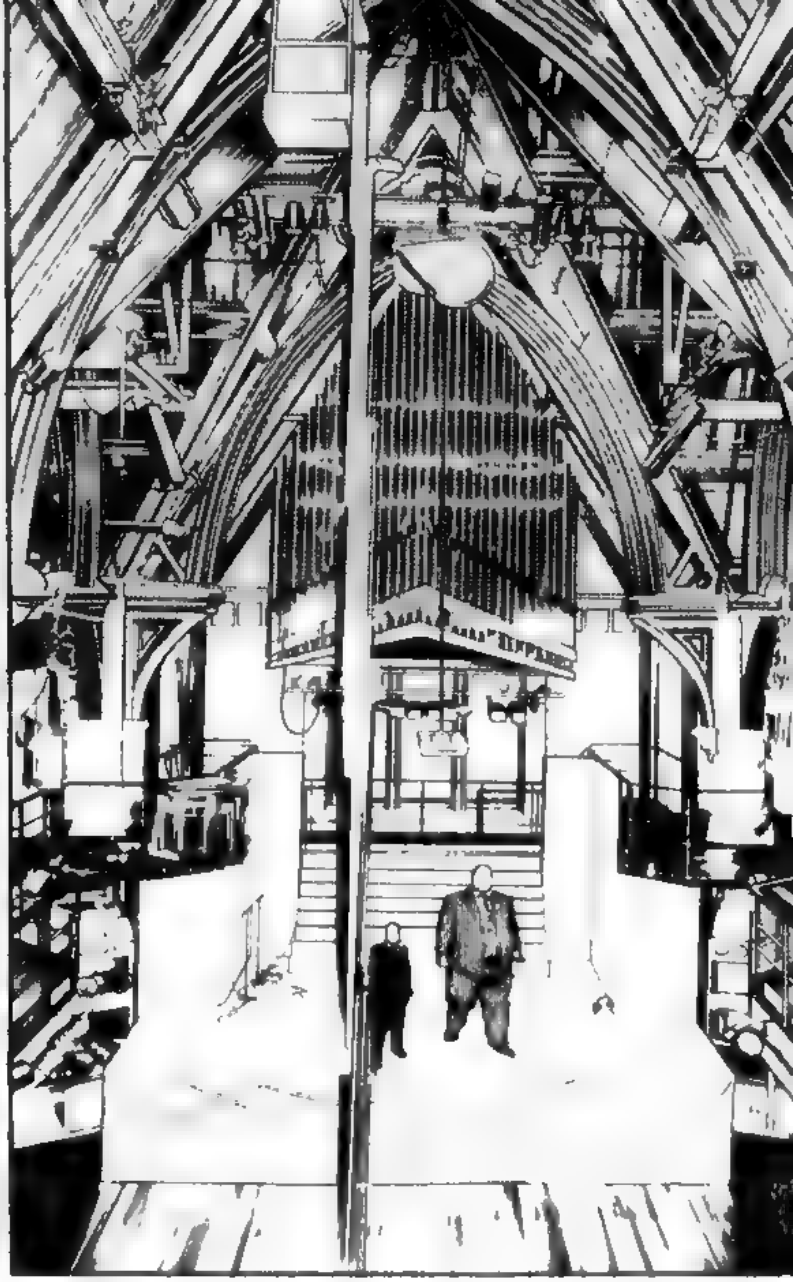
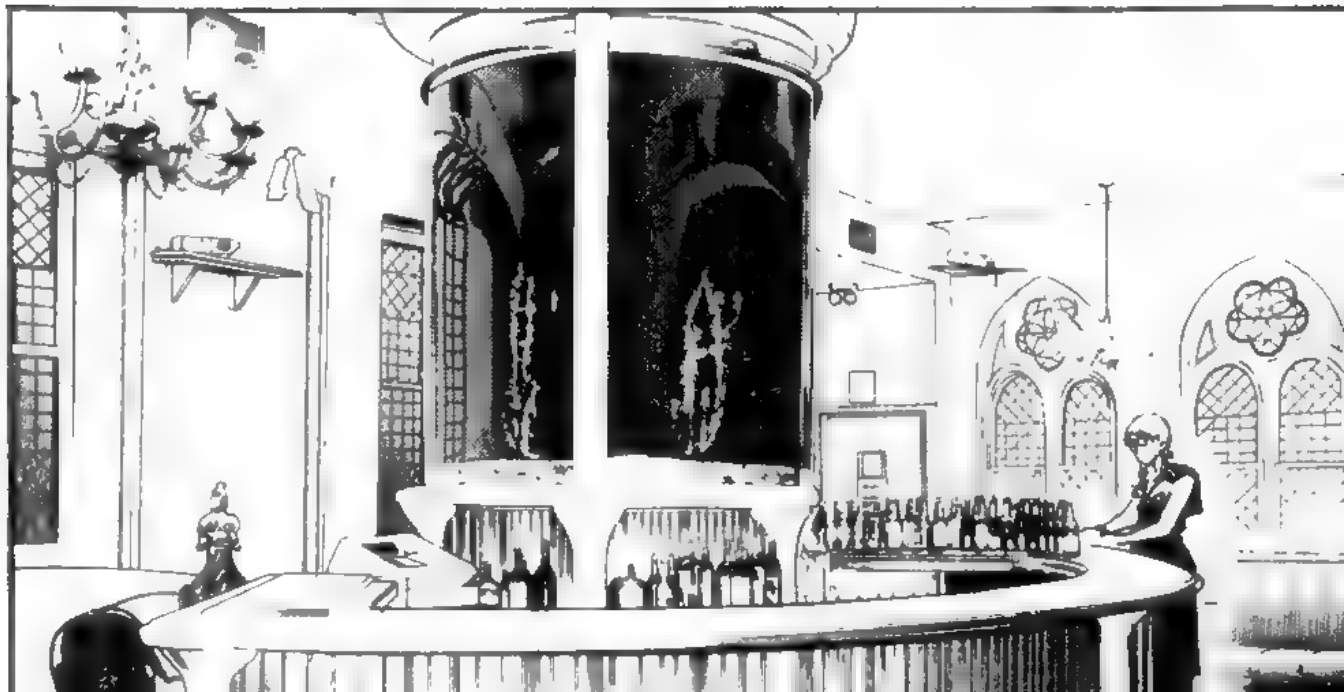
NICE TRICK.

THEY MUST BE SOMEWHERE NEAR. SEARCH THE AREA THOROUGHLY!
YES, SIR.









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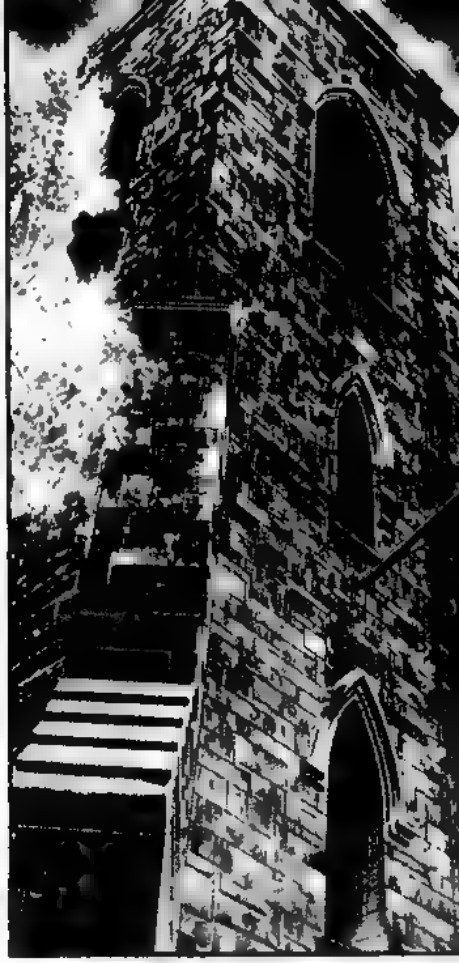
THEY'RE IN HERE!!



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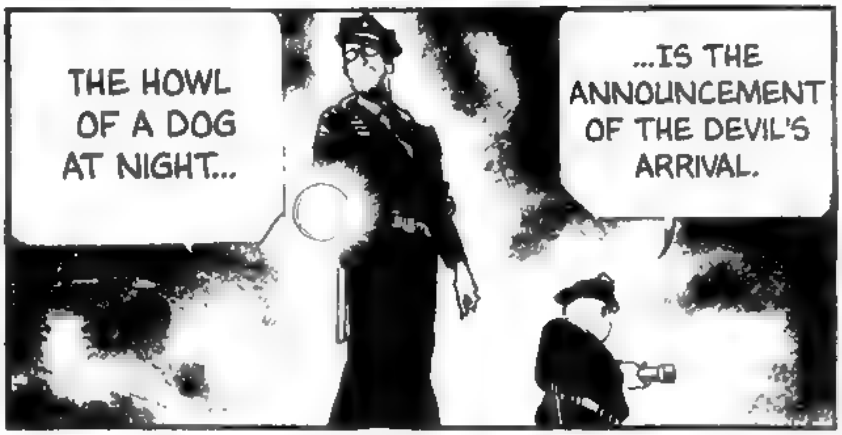
POLICE

SHOW

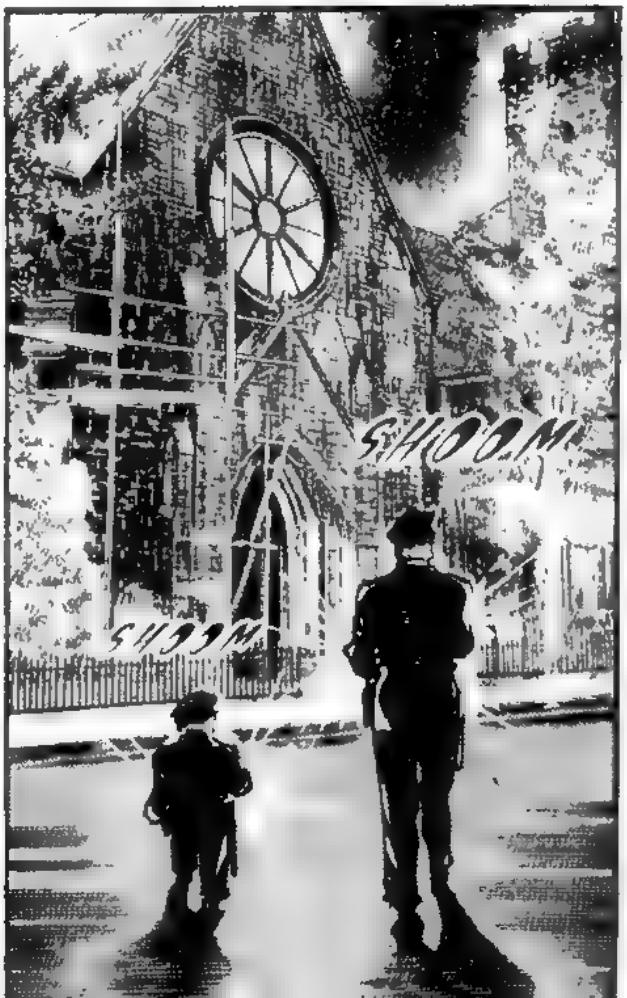
AROOOOOO

GH...


THE HOWL OF A DOG AT NIGHT...
...IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEVIL'S ARRIVAL.

HMMMM

WE LOST MANY A GOOD MAN AFTER HEARING A DOG'S HOWLING AT NIGHT.


SHOOM
SHOOM

WHAT THE...?
DEUCES...
TWO DOLLAR BILLS! CURSED MONEY!
SCRAM

AROOOOOO

HOWL

BOSS, YOU ARE THE MAN. YOU KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THE OLD-TIMERS.

DON'T GET TOO EXCITED!!

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34TH BRANCH CHIEF! ARE YOU LISTENING?! LET ME REPEAT IT AGAIN. GRAB HOLD OF YOUR BALLS AND PAY ATTENTION TO THIS!

LITTLE ITALY IS OCCUPIED BY A FAKE POLICE FORCE!
YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!

THEY'RE VETERANS! THE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION ARMY!

SAY SOMETHING! CHIEF...?!

I MEAN IT. THEY'RE AFTER US, AND ARE HUNTING US DOWN!

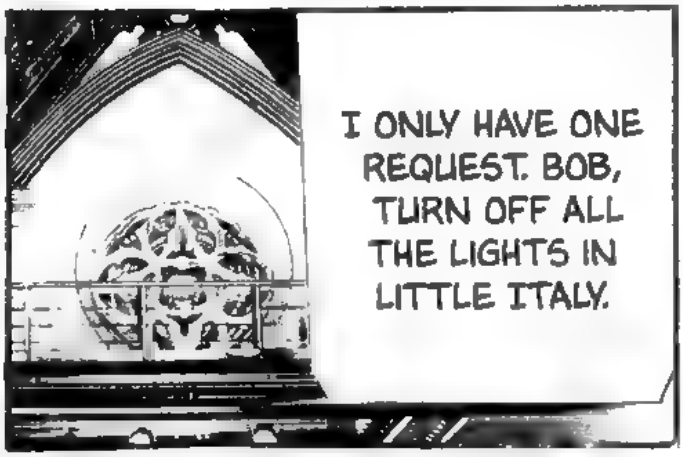
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER ORDERED NO ONE TO ENTER LITTLE ITALY?!!

IS THAT SO?!!

IF THE COMMISSIONER IS WITH THE VETERANS, THEN THAT EXPLAINS A LOT OF WHAT'S HAPPENED.

I SEE... SO KEEPING YOUR JOB IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY.
YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOUR PENSION, RIGHT?!

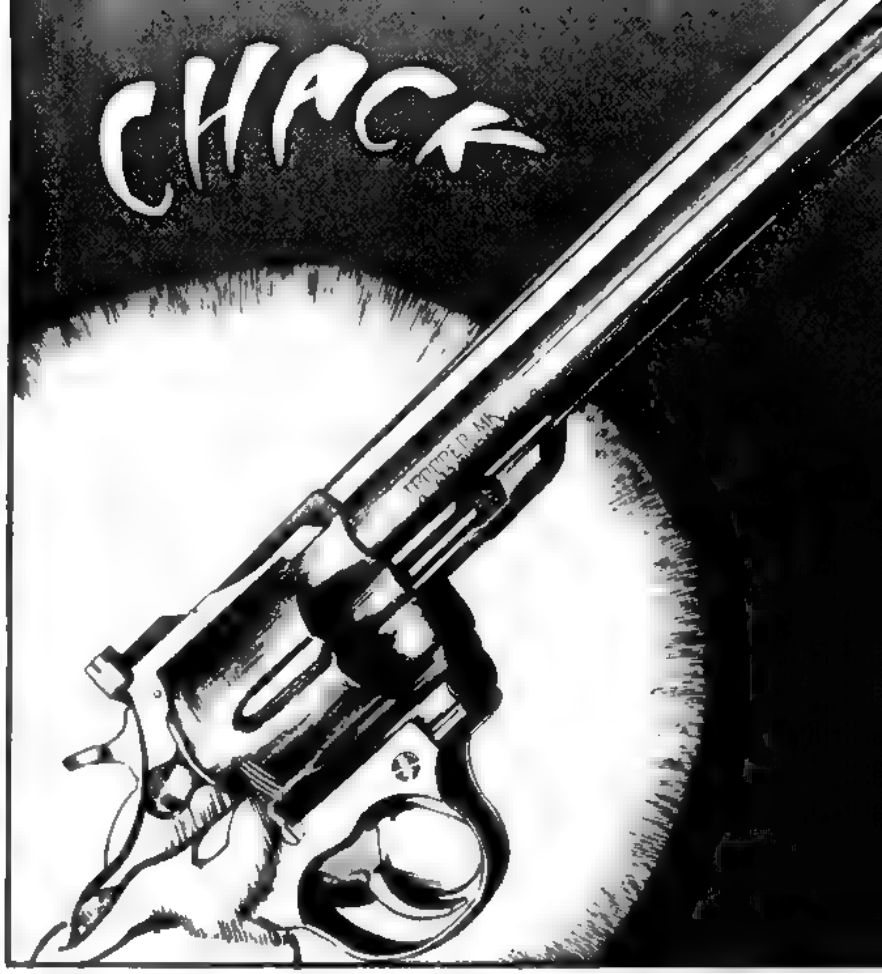
I UNDER-STAND, BOB.
WE WERE COLLEAGUES ONCE. I KNOW YOU CAN'T DISOBEY THE COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS.


I ONLY HAVE ONE REQUEST. BOB, TURN OFF ALL THE LIGHTS IN LITTLE ITALY.

JUST PRESS ONE SWITCH AT THE POWER STATION, AND WE'LL BE IN THE SAFETY OF THE DARK.
IT'LL BE EASY TO DO.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YOU CAN'T DO IT?!" OF COURSE YOU CAN!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'LL PHONE THE PRESS. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SOMETHING LIKE AN ARMY IN LITTLE ITALY!

BESIDES...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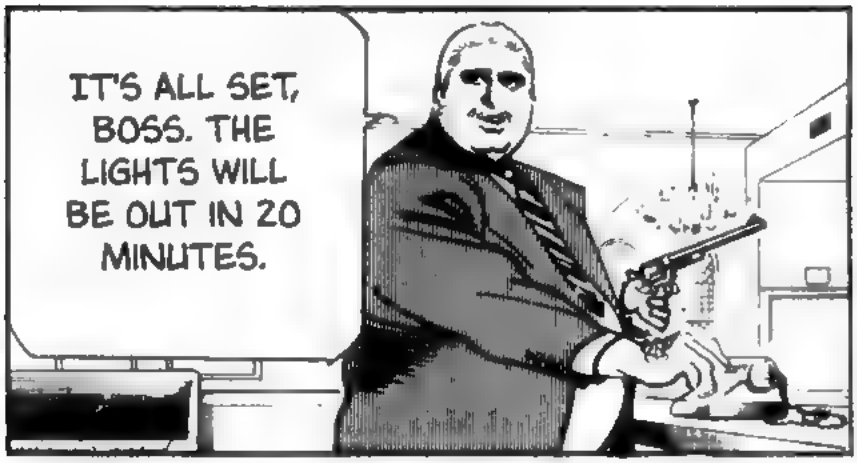
INNOCENT LIVES ARE AT RISK HERE... CHAOS COULD DESCEND AT ANY MOMENT!
IS THAT GONNA BE OK WITH YOUZ!

HEH HEE


IT'S ALL SET, BOSS. THE LIGHTS WILL BE OUT IN 20 MINUTES.

HOW ABOUT THE CHOP-PERS?!

IN ABOUT 26 MIN-UTES.

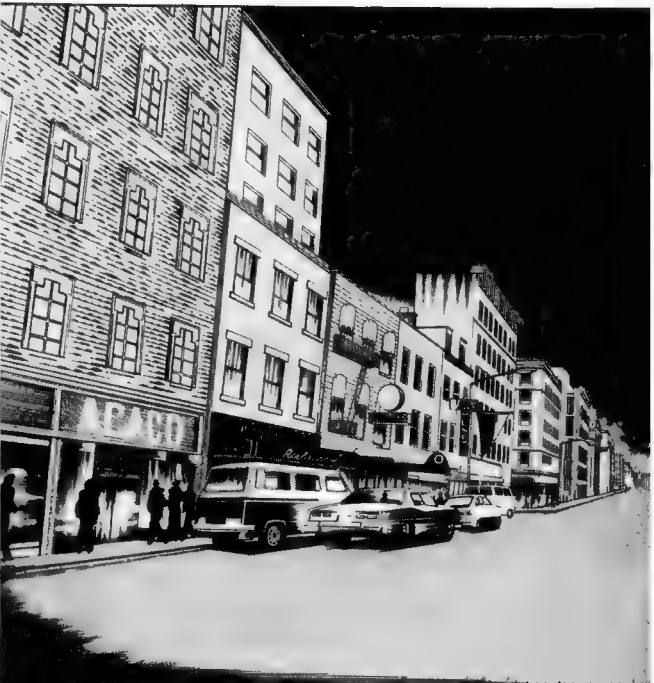
GOOD!!

THEY MIGHT TRY TO ATTACK US WHILE WE GET ON THE CHOPPERS.
EVEN IF THE LIGHTS ARE OUT, THEY PROBABLY HAVE SPOTLIGHTS.

WE'LL TAKE PRECAU-TIONS!

WHERE ARE THEY HIDING?
WE SENT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE, AND STILL WE DON'T HAVE THEM.

WE'LL FIND THEM BEFORE DAWN. THEY CAN'T HIDE THAT LONG.
THEY'LL DEFINITE-LY MAKE A MOVE.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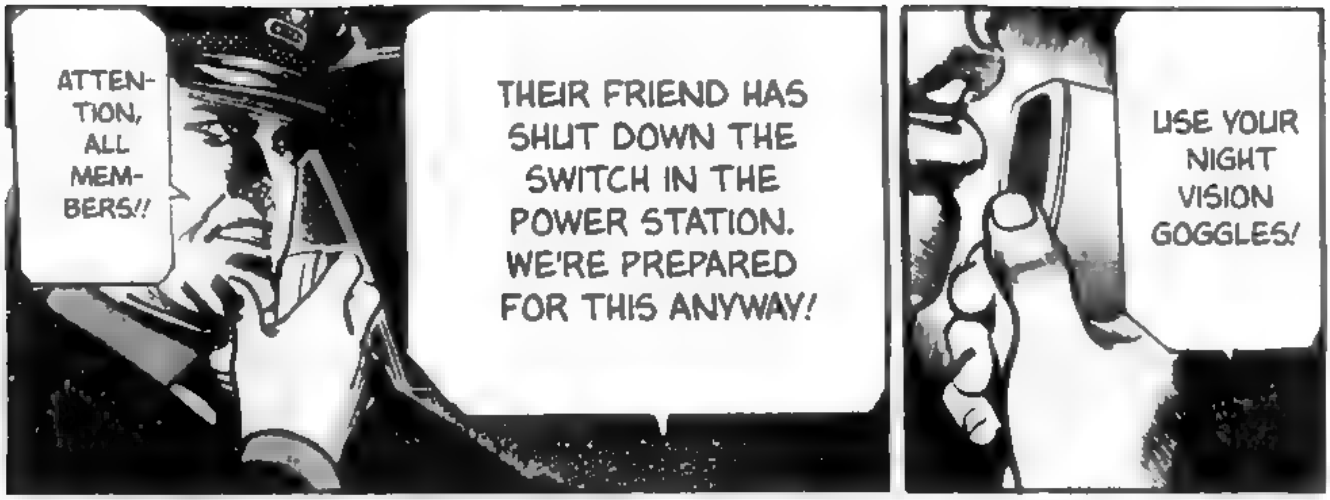
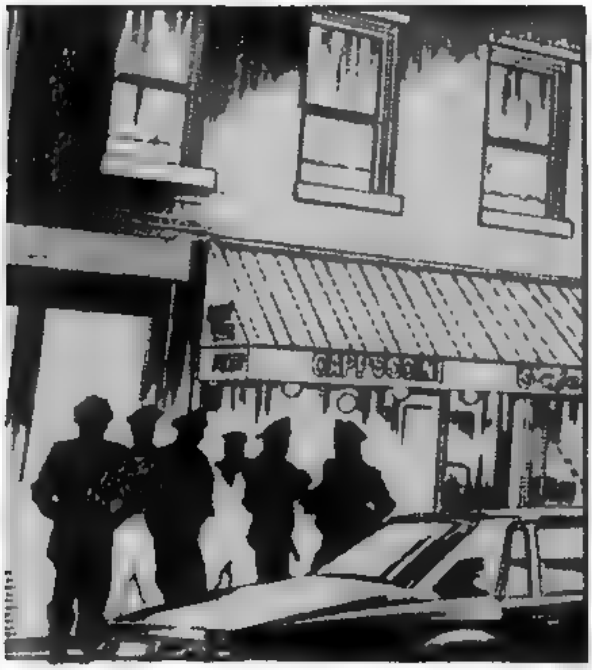
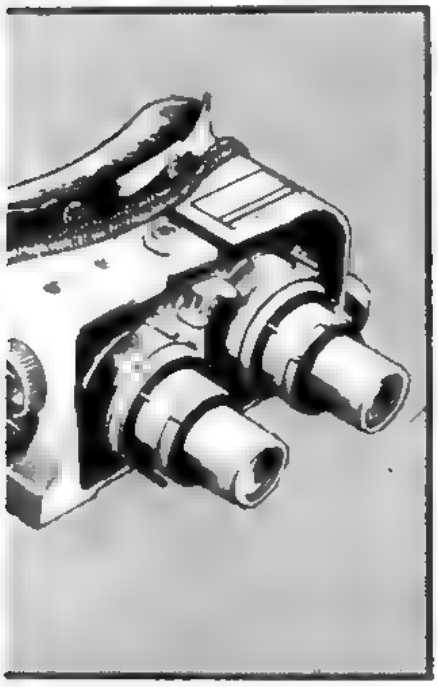
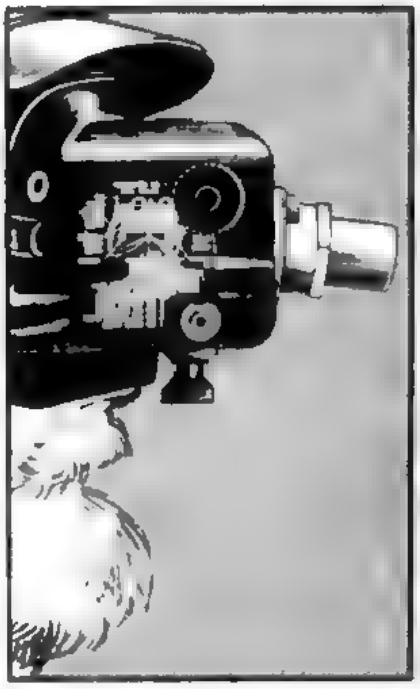
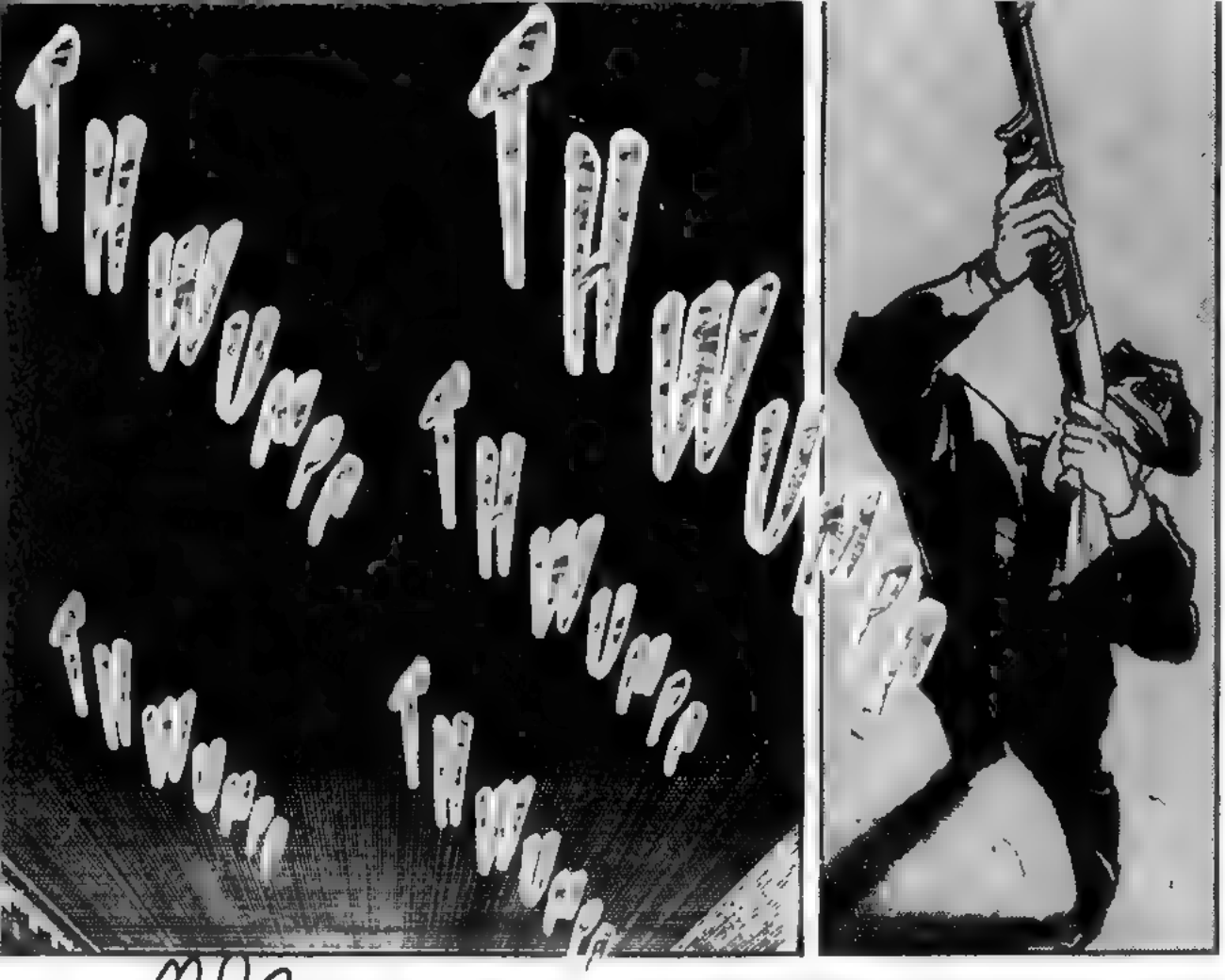

ATTEN-TION, ALL MEM-BERS!!
THEIR FRIEND HAS SHUT DOWN THE SWITCH IN THE POWER STATION. WE'RE PREPARED FOR THIS ANYWAY!
USE YOUR NIGHT VISION GOGGLES!







WHAT'S THE SITU-ATION?! REPORT IN!
ALL CLEAR!!
INFRA-RED IS OK!!
THWUMPP
THWUMPP
THWUMPP
THWUMPP
THWUMPP
THWUMPP
THWUMPP
A CHOP-PER?
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE.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THWUMPP

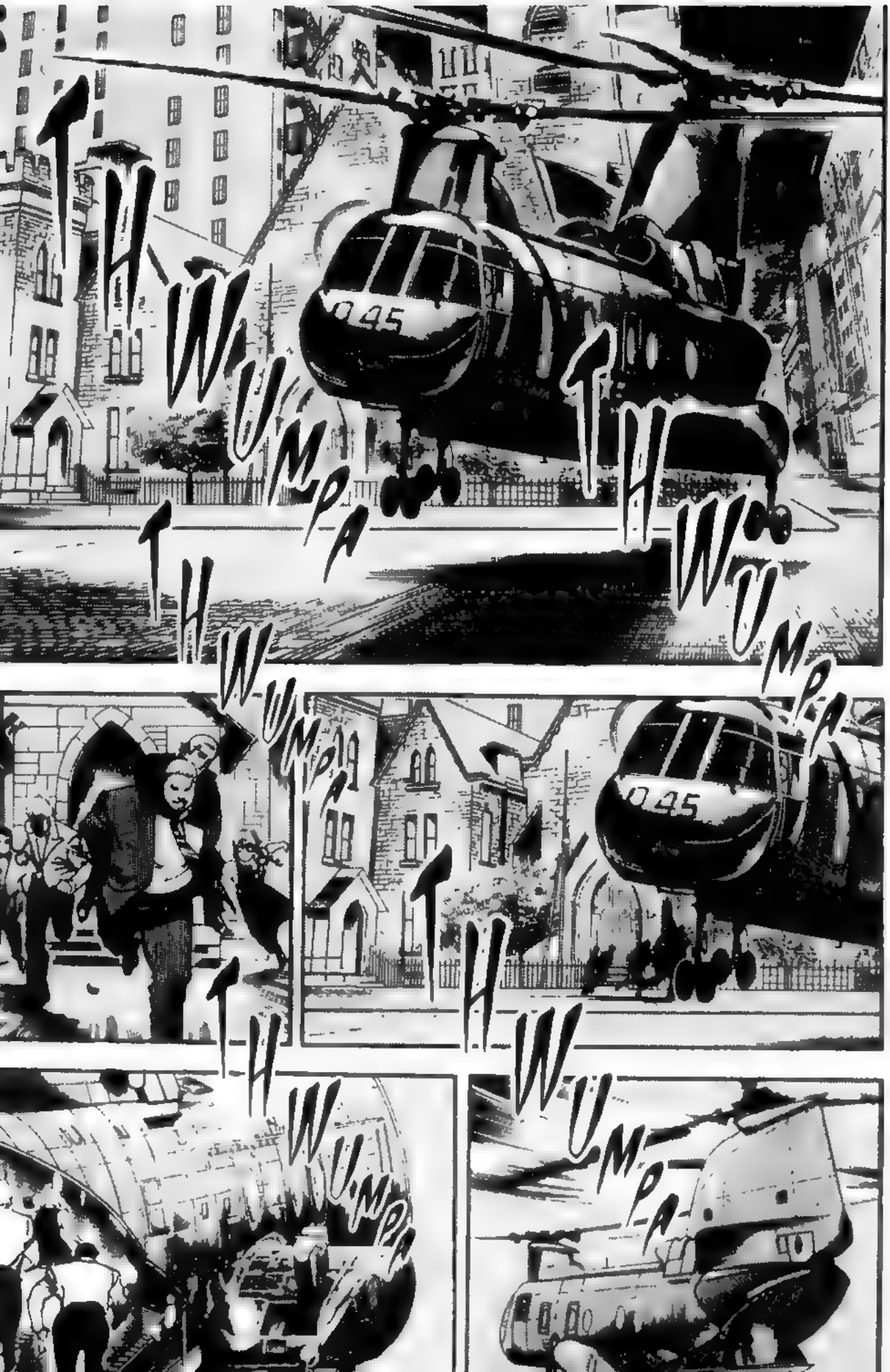
FWUMMP

SHEEEOOOOO

BOOM

THWUMP
THWUMP
THWUMP
THWUMP
THWUMP
CASO
RUGGIERO

BLAM BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
HEY!!
WOO HOOO!!


THWUMPA
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THWUMPA
0.45
0.45

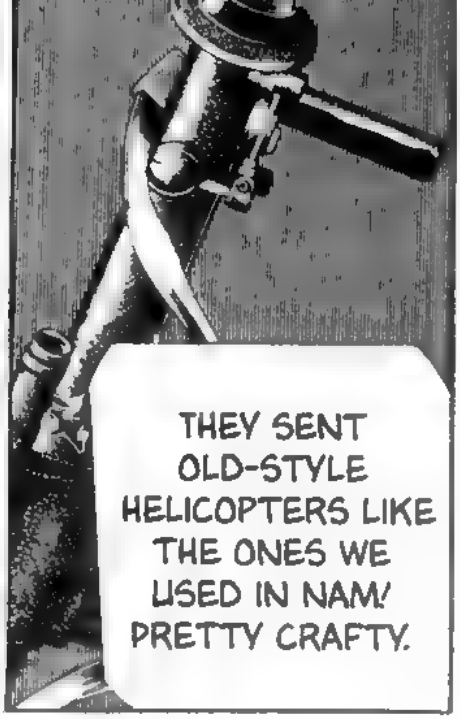
HEY!!! HEY!!! HEY!!!

YOU IDIOTS!
WHAT ARE YOU WAVING FOR?!

THEY'RE GONNA ESCAPE ON ONE OF THOSE CHOPPERS!!
THE OTHERS ARE JUST DECOYS, MEANT TO CONFUSE US, YOU MORONS!!

KNOCK 'EM DOWN!

HAHA!


THEY SENT OLD-STYLE HELICOPTERS LIKE THE ONES WE USED IN NAM! PRETTY CRAFTY.

EVERYBODY REMEMBERS THEM FROM THE WAR, SO THEY SHOUT AND WAVE THEIR HANDS IN JOY.

KNOCK 'EM DOWN!!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, GENERAL!!
OUR GUYS WOULD NEVER ATTACK THEIR OWN CHOPPERS... WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ME OF COURSE!!

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THUMP
THUMP

TURN BACK!!

WHAT?

LAND NEAR THE GUY WHO JUST SHOT DOWN THAT CHOPPER!!
I THOUGHT THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE THE VETERAN ARMY, THEY WOULD CARE ABOUT THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY AND NOT USE ROCKET LAUNCHERS.

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